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Rep. Born Votes for Package of Bills to Combat Human Trafficking

Assembly Passes Legislative Package from Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking

Madison – Today, Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) voted in favor of several bills that aim to bring awareness of human trafficking; prevent these heinous crimes; strengthen laws around court proceedings on human trafficking cases; and increase penalties for those convicted of sex trafficking crimes. Following the vote, Rep. Born made the following statement:

"Human trafficking is a serious issue facing our state. I am grateful for the work of the Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking to hear from law enforcement, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders, to take a comprehensive approach to tackling this critical challenge.

"I was proud to support this package of legislation. It takes a multi-faceted approach to tackling the problem of human trafficking through increasing awareness of the issue among youth and key industries that have higher likelihood of interacting with victims; increasing penalties on those soliciting individuals; and providing greater protections for victims.

"These bills also set our state up to better monitor and understand the impact of human trafficking in our state. I look forward to reviewing future recommendations from the Human Trafficking Council to reduce these terrible crimes in our state."

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