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Submitted to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence  
For SB 1653

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I don't know we don't have laws against promotion of prostitution already! Glad you noticed and that you have brought this to the legislature.

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Chris Donofrio

Self / Victim of childhood sexual abuse

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly support SB 1653, engrossed version.

I urge you to quickly pass it out of committee.

The deleted clause (page 1 line 13) "age [engaging in prostitution], regardless:" is needed more than you can know.

As a victim of childhood sexual abuse, I'm sure those who took their pleasure in sharing me with others, and raping, sodomizing, and debasing me repeatedly, would deny I was being prostituted.

For me, once the years of abuse stopped and I was an adult I know it was.

Removing that clause removes any ambiguity that those engaged in the sexual abuse of minors could cite in their defense.

Childhood sexual abuse is far more prevalent than most people think, based on numerous studies.

I urge you to pass SB 1653, engrossed, out of committee without delay.

It needs to come to a floor vote as soon as possible.

For me it's a simple way to protect vulnerable children from the abuse I lived through for 7 years.

Respectfully,

Chris J. Donofrio.