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Representative Francis and Distinguished Members of the Financial Institutions Committee: As the Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE) Director, I am proud to support HB1472. CATE is the statewide coalition that supports anti-human trafficking organizations (our members) by developing standards of care, training, technical assistance, policy/program development, research dissemination, and legislative advocacy. CATE's mission is to build a united community movement to prevent and respond to human trafficking and exploitation. I am testifying in favor of HB1472. Individuals and entities engaged in human trafficking must be held accountable but prosecuting these heinous crimes is complex and can be re-traumatizing for the victim. There are other alternatives, enhancing efforts to bring traffickers to justice, where appropriate, by financial sanctions. This can be an essential tool, especially when a victim cannot testify due to trauma and debilitating fear imposed by the trafficker. The language within Missouri's money laundering statutes needs to be updated to hold offenders accountable. The FY21 National Defense Authorization Act, which includes the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, updates the definitions of financial transactions, monetary instruments, and transactions within the money laundering section of the US Code. HB1472 aligns these definitions with present-day currency, allows prosecutors to hold traffickers accountable, and helps protect human trafficking victims.