



City of Detroit  
Detroit City Council  
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District 2

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STATEMENT

REGARDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTEL SIGNAGE ORDINANCE

Since my Human Trafficking Task Force was created, it has been working tirelessly to bring awareness to the issue of Human Trafficking in the city of Detroit and to find ways to combat it. One of the goals of the task force is to put forth legislative proposals that will help address the issue. I'm so proud to say that today, with the introduction of our hotel signage ordinance, we are one step closer to doing that.

This ordinance will address the issue of human trafficking by mandating that hotels and motels in the city of Detroit post a sign in a conspicuous place in the lobby and other high traffic areas that provides the toll-free telephone number for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and/or the designated local human trafficking resource number. The sign will also state that the establishment is required to alert DPD of any suspected human trafficking activity taking place on its premises.

We know that human trafficking activity typically takes place in hotels and motels, and the purpose of this ordinance is to provide help for individuals who might be experiencing human trafficking in these locations. It will give them a number they can call if they are in trouble, and it will put traffickers on notice that if you attempt to do this at a hotel or motel in Detroit, the police will be notified.

Human trafficking has been and continues to be a huge issue in Detroit, and with the passage of this ordinance, we will make a strong statement that human trafficking has NO PLACE in our city. I am so grateful for all the work that went into creating this ordinance, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

Thank you.

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