

Wisconsin - Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking.

In August, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos initiated a legislative task force to provide recommendations to combat human trafficking in Wisconsin. The task force hosted public hearings in Madison, the Fox Valley and Milwaukee, to obtain input from public, law enforcement and state agencies in order to compile recommendations.

All hearings have been covered by Wisconsin Eye and can be viewed online Here. <https://wiseeye.org/?s=trafficking> . Consider viewing the 30-minute Task Force introduction that covers the issue of human trafficking in Wisconsin plus legislators perspectives.

The task force, led by Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac), chair, and Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire), vice-chair, is focused on solutions to combat human trafficking through prevention, supporting and empowering survivors, and prosecuting traffickers.

We expect proposed legislation to be announced in early January.

FCAST is advocating for

A legislated state commission that establishes a statewide collaboration between state departments, community law enforcement, and certified advocates

Certification of advocacy agencies in all 72 counties to work with local law enforcement for forensic interviews to increase identification of and referrals for victims as well as gather suitable evidence for the prosecution of traffickers.

Holding social media companies accountable for illegal activities related to the exploitation of minors.

[Shared Hope International](#), gives the state of Wisconsin an F for its lack of enacting a minimum set of laws needed to address child sex trafficking.

We ask that you contact your legislators to express your opinion and to encourage them to enact meaningful legislation that addresses child exploitation and trafficking in our state.

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