



# County of Yuba Board of Supervisors

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March 14, 2023

Senator Aisha Wahab (Chair)  
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (Vice Chair)  
1020 N Street, Room 545  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 14 (Grove): Classifying Human Trafficking as a Serious Felony  
As Introduced on February 23, 2023 – SUPPORT  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety (Senate)**

Dear Chair and Vice Chair:

Yuba County supports Senate Bill 14, which would strengthen public safety by including human trafficking in the lists of crimes that are defined as serious under California Law, making the crime a strike under the Three Strikes Law. SB 14 will help strengthen protections for the millions of victims of sex and labor trafficking.

California currently ranks number one in the nation in the number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The California Attorney General notes that California is one of the largest sites for human trafficking in the United States, recognizes the serious nature of this crime, and has defined it as "modern day slavery." "Human trafficking is among the world's fastest growing criminal enterprises and is estimated to be a \$150 billion-a-year global industry. It is a form of modern day slavery that profits from the exploitation of our most vulnerable populations."

Currently human trafficking is defined as a non-serious crime which means the act of human trafficking cannot be considered a strike under California's Three Strikes law. The Penal Code defines the crimes that are considered serious under California law. Penal Code section 1192.7(c) lists the 42 crimes that are defined as serious crimes under California law.

SB 14 amends that Penal Code to add human trafficking to the list of serious crimes under California law. SB 14 also classifies human trafficking as a strike offense and makes those convicted of this crime subject to the same penalties that apply to all serious crimes. It is about time that California starts to prosecute these horrendous acts as serious crimes.

For these reasons, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors support SB 14 If you need additional information about our position, please contact Supervisor Andy Vasquez, [avasquez@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:avasquez@co.yuba.ca.us) or (530) 749-7510.

Sincerely,

Andy Vasquez, Chairman  
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Roger Niello  
California State Association of Counties  
Rural County Representatives of California