

April 22, 2024

## Open Letter to Alabama Legislators

The WellHouse has been fighting the vile, egregious crime of human sex trafficking since 2011. Not only do we have first-hand accounts, we are also aware of the data that leaves no doubt of the strong correlation between human trafficking and casinos and gambling.

Although casino owners and operators will not welcome the airing of this information, it is an empirical reality. Adding additional casinos in our state will invite not only these activities but also other issues that so powerfully affect victims. These include a high rate of drug and alcohol abuse, increased pressure on already resourced deficient law enforcement systems, and life altering trauma for the victims!

For these reasons, Wellhouse opposes the expansion of gambling in Alabama.

For the Board and the victims,

Carolyn Potter

Chief Executive Director, The Wellhouse, Alabama, (864)905-4464

The WellHouse is a safe haven for female victims of human sex trafficking. We provide opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited through our emergency, short-term, and long-term care programs.

Our mission is simple: Restore.