



February 2024

PATH EDUCATION

As we mentioned in January's newsletter, PATH and UNA-USA KY have been working to get Senate Bill 181 (SB181) through committee and to the Senate for a vote.

Sponsored by Senator Julie Raque Adams and co-sponsored by Senator Lindsey Tichenor, SB181 seeks to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades 4 and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; require local school boards to display posters in schools with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; and require postsecondary institutions to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residence halls, classroom buildings, and student centers.

The mental health issues children, youths/teens, college students and adults face during and post sextortion entrapment are numerous. Passage of SB181 would allow Kentucky to be a leader on sextortion to decrease suicides and other forms of self-harming. State laws are needed to hold perpetrators accountable. There is no federal law for this crime.

Kentucky has the opportunity to rank high on a list of states to pass specific legislation addressing sextortion of minor children. Kentucky would be the 18th state to pass such a law, but it isn't out of senate committee as of 2.26.24. Kentucky's legislators dragging their feet.

If you are concerned about today's youth, we need to get this bill to the Senate floor. We encourage you to call the legislative hotline at 1-800-372-7181 and tell members of the Senate Committee Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection to Vote YES on SB181. **The next committee meeting should be Thursday, Feb. 29 so call before then.**

Call Committee Members TODAY 800-372-7181

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- Gex Williams - (S)
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On March 6th from 12:30-1:30pm Eastern, The Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life and the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University are hosting An Online Public Dialogue featuring Catholic Sisters Working to Eradicate Human Trafficking.

To learn more about this seminar and to RSVP - [click here](#)

PATH IN THE BOARDROOM

The PATH Board has been working hard on its' strategic plan, mission and vision. Below is a photo from our February meeting and we will be sharing our

exciting work coming soon. We give a huge thanks to PATH Secretary, Sr Jacqueline Aceto, and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for the use of their community room to hold our meetings.



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