



# Catholic Conference of Ohio

## Testimony in Support of SB 235 March 10, 2010

My name is Jim Tobin. I am an associate director with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. We urge passage of SB 235.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio believes it is important to specifically and intentionally prohibit human trafficking within Ohio law.

The Catholic Church will continue to provide pastoral care, education and advocacy regarding human trafficking. We welcome efforts that enhance state, national and international cooperation and enforcement. In the end all of us must work together – church, state and community – to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of the crime, and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth.

Thank you for this opportunity.