

Senate Judiciary Committee
S. 103 - An act relating to immunity from liability for a person reporting a crime
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As the statewide grant administrator for victim services funding, a direct service provider, and a voice for victim/survivor rights in government, the Center for Crime Victims Services has tracked and championed statewide efforts to improve services for victims of human trafficking, as well as supported prosecution and prevention for many years.

The Center participates on the statewide Human Trafficking Task Force and has awarded federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants to the South Burlington Police Department and the Rutland Police Department for Human Trafficking Case Manager positions. We also regularly sponsor training for victim service providers and allied professionals across disciplines to enhance services, raise awareness, and catalyze new partnerships and initiatives.

The Center, in collaboration with the Vermont State Police, has been awarded a three-year U.S. Department of Justice VOCA Cooperative Agreement to strengthen services for victims of human trafficking and to support investigation and prosecution.

With respect to the specific provisions of S.103, the Center fully supports the bill as introduced.

Thank you.

