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Dear Board Members

I am writing in relation to the agenda item concerning the continued funding of the Human Trafficking Detective position, and to request funding for a second such detective.

I am an adjunct professor at Westmont College, and also volunteer with the Trafficking Task Force. I co-chair the Data Working Group for the Task Force.

The data seem compelling and cogent. Without adequate numbers of specifically trained specialist detectives, we will never make inroads into the insidious world of human trafficking. The progress in even understanding the scale of the problem during the past few years has been significant and that progress is undoubtedly going to be squandered without adequate investment in law enforcement.

While I appreciate the complexity of funding decisions and the legion of claims on County resources, I plead with you not to let this one go.

Respectfully,  
Professor Jim Wright  
Co-Director  
Westmont in Cairo