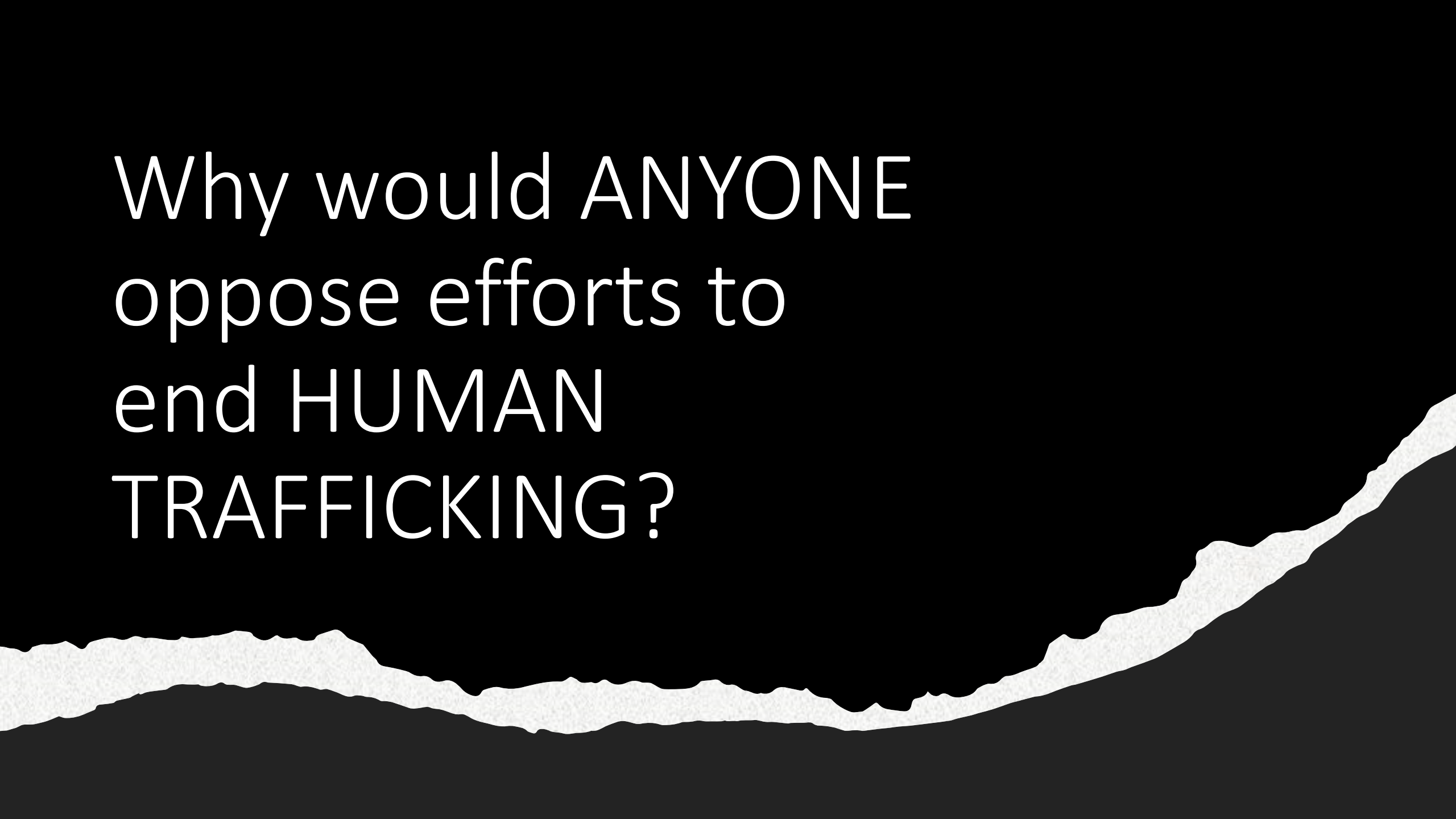



Why would ANYONE
oppose efforts to
end HUMAN
TRAFFICKING?

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Prostitution is
another form of
work and should be
legalized



We would never allow a work environment that is this unsafe

Few activities are as brutal and damaging to people as prostitution. Field research in nine countries concluded that 60-75 percent of women in prostitution were raped, 70-95 percent were physically assaulted, and 68 percent met the criteria for post traumatic stress disorder in the same range as treatment-seeking combat veterans and victims of state-organized torture.

Beyond this shocking abuse, the public health implications of prostitution are devastating and include a myriad of serious and fatal diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

No matter what you hear, it is impossible to alleviate harm to victims in prostitution by putting safety measures in place such as sex worker unions. The stats of violence against people engaged in prostitution do not change simply because a union is involved.

Prostitution does
not lead to
trafficking

Prostitution is often the gateway to trafficking

Prostitution and related activities—including pimping and patronizing or maintaining brothels—fuel the growth of modern-day slavery by providing a façade behind which traffickers for sexual exploitation operate.

Prostitution is about
women's
empowerment and
free choice



The vast majority of women and men engaged in prostitution wish they could get out and wish they had never engaged in the trade

Journal of Trauma Practice found that 89 percent of women in prostitution want to escape. And children are also trapped in prostitution—despite the fact that international covenants and protocols impose upon state parties an obligation to criminalize the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

In areas where prostitution is legal, child exploitation increases.

Shouldn't people be
free to purchase
sex?

Buyers can't know if they are buying an underaged sex worker or if someone is working through force, fraud or coercion.

Victims of trafficking are purchased the same way that free lance prostitution occurs. Knowing the difference is difficult. Every trafficking victim must lie about their age. Buyers are the key to fueling modern day slavery. Addressing trafficking without charging the buyers perpetuates the crime. If our law enforcement focuses on victims, they must punish buyers.

The crime of trafficking NEVER GOES
AWAY if we can't provide safety for the
victims

Safety means that the person causing harm is removed from the
victims.

Safety means that victims can be assured that she or he won't face
repercussions from providing testimony

Safety means that victims are free from being coerced or threatened
to go back into the trade

Safety is the foundation for the healing journey to begin



If we don't impact the financial benefits to trafficking we can't end the crime

As long as those buying sex are never held to account, the financial benefit to trafficking is a constant lure and worth the risk

The average pimp or trafficker earns \$200,000 per year per victim

Trafficking is now the 2nd most lucrative form of income for cartels and gangs. Second only to drugs.

Alaska is considered a trafficking origination point

Our stats around childhood sexual abuse, neglect, suicide, fetal alcohol syndrome and domestic violence creates a vulnerable population

Traffickers prey on vulnerability

Traffickers consider victims who have a history of sexual abuse as pre-groomed victims

Those of us on the front lines of fighting this crime often can not move forward without close partnership with law enforcement and law enforcement needs tools to be helpful to us. We need a well thought through plan that is victim focused and opens the door to provide freedom and protection so we can build trust and walk with victims into a new life full of hope.



Stories That
Redefine Hope





"We've walked with her for three years—through six in-patient treatment centers and two juvenile detention stays. Her struggles are real and deep, and won't end any time soon. But the ways she's grown—her ability to identify and trust safe people; her understanding of what real love is; her ability to connect in healthy ways; the laughter we've shared—she truly is a miracle in so many ways. And to be a part of that miracle as her mentor has redefined the promise of 'hope and a future' for me. She's a beautiful and precious gift to me!"





"Hope is an everyday thing now!
I have a network of people that I can reach out to if I need to.
Together, with the assistance of my caseworkers and mentors, I
have built a solid foundation for myself that won't easily crumble."

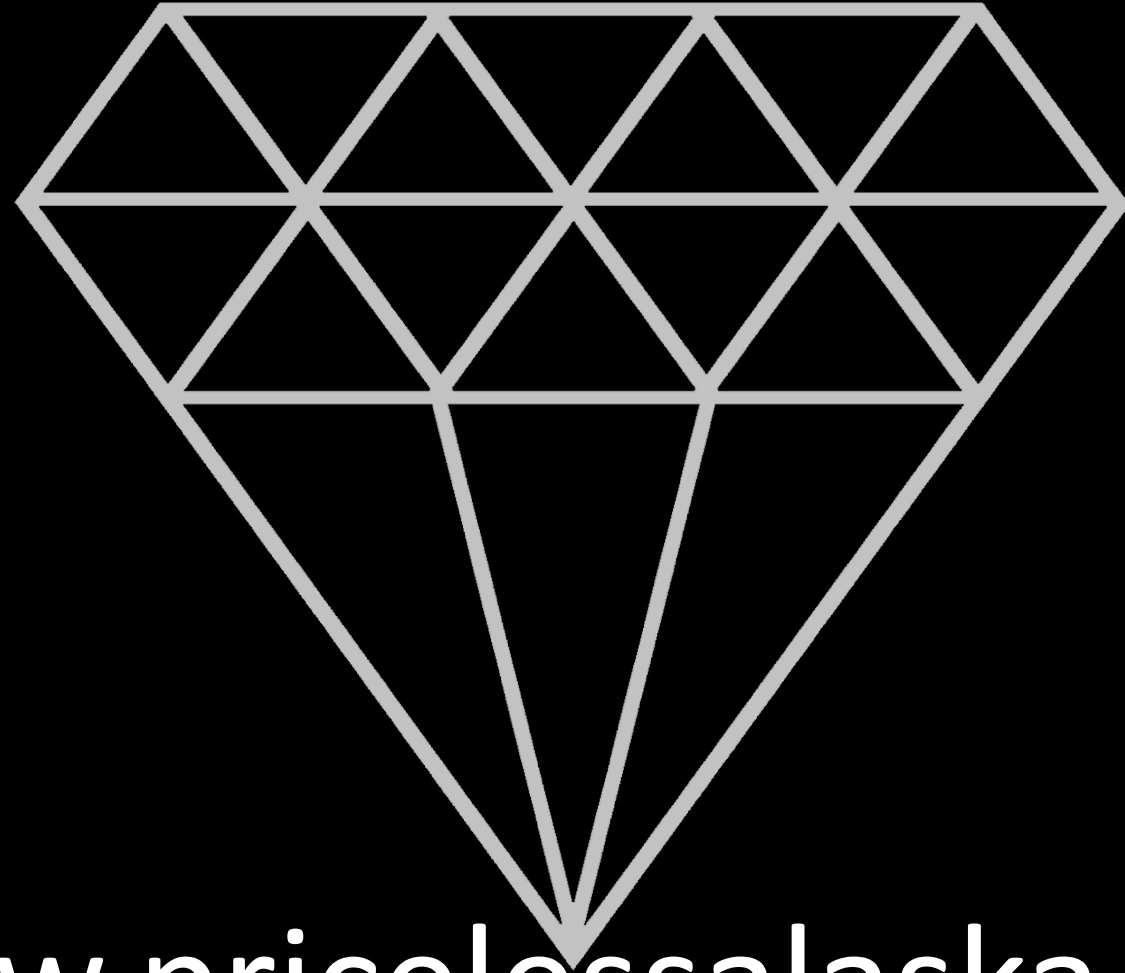
-Priceless Survivor



"I used to know that hope was a thing but never truly believed in it because I felt there was nothing to really hope for. But being a part of this program and being able to talk with the ladies that I do, they've helped me see that in my life there's SO MUCH HOPE. I've started dreaming bigger again."



Hope is priceless



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