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## **DECRIMINALIZATION OF PROSTITUTION NOT THE ANSWER**

Marietta, Georgia—Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Georgia stands in opposition to any legislation decriminalizing (the legalizing of an illegal act) prostitution. CWA understands that minors found in prostitution are victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, and exploitation. While CWA is united with other child advocates and lawmakers who strongly believe minors need to be rescued and rehabilitated, Concerned Women for America of Georgia believes there are better alternatives to decriminalization.

“There are more effective alternatives to decriminalization, states Dale Austin, Legislative Liaison for Concerned Women for America of Georgia. “Upon arrest, victims of trafficking can be identified and placed in diversionary programs designed for rescue and rehabilitation, or provided with an affirmative defense to criminal charges. The arrest is the action that allows for identification, education, and rehabilitation of these children.”

Tanya Ditty, State Director for Concerned Women for America of Georgia says, “Decriminalization would not serve to help these victims; it would increase their exploitation. Decriminalizing prostitution creates a wonderful situation for pimps and traffickers, ties the hands of the police to arrest them and keeps women and children enslaved.”

Concerned Women for America of Georgia believes decriminalizing prostitution normalizes it, and “there is nothing normal about one human buying access to another human, for whatever time period, especially in the case of a child being purchased by an adult,” states Tanya Ditty. “We are asking lawmakers to vote against any bill that supports the decriminalization of prostitution.”

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