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Rep. Loudenbeck Applauds Wisconsin's Work to Combat Human Trafficking

Madison, WI -Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) released the following statement on Human Trafficking Awareness Day and the recent 2017 state Report Card from the Protected Innocence Challenge.

"Wisconsin citizens can be proud of the work being done in our state to effectively respond to the crime of human trafficking. It is important to recognize that significant progress has been made, while acknowledging that work remains," said Rep. Loudenbeck.

"We can look to the Protected Innocence Challenge state Report Cards for Wisconsin as a point of reference. In 2011, Wisconsin received a grade of "D" and a score of 65 on the first Report Card issued by the Protected Innocence Challenge," said Rep. Loudenbeck. "In 2017, Wisconsin received a grade of "B" and a score of

89.5, just a half point away from an “A” score. I am confident that Wisconsin is well on the way to an “A” score with the recent enactment of 2017 Wisconsin Acts 128, 129, and 131 and the work that many of my colleagues in the legislature, along with Attorney General Brad Schimel and Governor Scott Walker, are doing.”

The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive study of existing state laws designed to inspire and equip advocates launched by Shared Hope in 2011. Under the Challenge, every state receives a Report Card that grades the state on 41 key legislative components that must be addressed in a state’s laws in order to effectively respond to the crime of domestic minor sex trafficking. In addition, each state receives a complete analysis of this 41-component review and practical recommendations for improvement.

2017 Report Card

- https://sharedhope.org/PICframe7/reportcards/PIC_RC_2017_WI.pdf

2016 Report Card

- http://sharedhope.org/PICframe6/reportcards/PIC_RC_2016_WI.pdf

2015 Report Card

- http://sharedhope.org/PICframe5/reportcards/PIC_RC_2015_WI.pdf

2014 Report Card

- http://sharedhope.org/PICframe4/reportcards/PIC_RC_2014_WI.pdf

2013 Report Card

- http://sharedhope.org/PICframe3/reportcards/PIC_RC_2013_WI.pdf

2012 Report Card

- http://sharedhope.org/PICframe2/reportcards/PIC_RC_2012_WI.pdf

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Representative Loudbeck introduced her first bill to combat human trafficking in 2011 and over her tenure in the legislature authored six anti-human trafficking bills that have been signed into law which have provided critical tools for prosecutors and law enforcement, imposed stricter penalties for traffickers, raised public awareness, increased access to victim services and resources and enhanced procedures in the child welfare system to better identify and serve vulnerable

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