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Support SB24-035: Strengthen the Enforcement
of Human Trafficking for Servitude

In Colorado, the statute of limitations for labor trafficking of an adult or minor and sex trafficking of an adult is only three years. In addition, human trafficking is not classified as a crime of violence despite the extreme exploitation and coercion perpetrated upon victims.

Statute of Limitations

- Colorado has no criminal statute of limitations for various crimes, including child sex trafficking; and a twenty-year statute of limitations for most felony sexual offenses.
- The statute of limitations for sex trafficking of adults and all labor trafficking is only three years. This prevents DA offices from filing cases against some traffickers because the victims do not come forward until the statute of limitations has run.
- **SB24-035 would increase the statute of limitations for labor human trafficking of an adult or minor and sex trafficking of an adult to 20 years.***

Crime of Violence

- In Colorado, the enhanced sentencing range for crimes of violence applies to crimes such as second-degree assault, kidnapping, and unlawful sexual contact. It does not apply to sex or labor trafficking of an adult or minor, instead most perpetrators are probation-eligible.
- Thirty-nine states impose greater sentences than Colorado for human trafficking offenses.
- **SB24-035 would make all forms of human trafficking per se crimes of violence, requiring mandatory Department of Corrections time within an enhanced sentencing range. This will provide for sentencing that is commensurate with the predatory and long-lasting nature of these crimes.**

Involuntary Servitude, Adult	<u>As-is:</u> 4-16 years and probation-eligible This bill: Crime of violence, 10-32 years, with mandatory DOC
Involuntary Servitude, Child	<u>As-is:</u> 8-24 years and probation-eligible This bill: Crime of violence, 16-48 years mandatory DOC
Sexual Servitude, Adult	<u>As-is:</u> 4-16 years and probation-eligible This bill: Crime of violence, 10-32 years, with mandatory DOC
Sexual Servitude, Child	<u>As-is:</u> 8-24 years, mandatory DOC This bill: Crime of violence, 16-48 years, mandatory DOC



**The bill does not impact the unlimited statute of limitations for human trafficking for sexual servitude of a minor.*

