

Lloyd Benes amendment to SB24-035 ...

"Strengthening Enforcement of Human Trafficking"

My Name is Lloyd Benes, and I represent myself. The following data I provide have citations given in the paper version I provided in front of you which is identical to the written testimony I submitted online yesterday (at <https://www2.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2024A/commsumm.nsf/signIn.xsp>).

I wish to propose an amendment to this Senate Bill SB24-035 by adding the following 4 paragraphs after SECTION 3 of the Bill as follows:

"In response to whistleblower evidence that some clinics that facilitate abortions fail to report signs of sex trafficking of clients, the state of Colorado shall mandate all such clinics to promptly report any signs of sex trafficking, detected by staff, to local law enforcement and the Colorado Attorney General. Such evidence, which is well documented in the literature, may include clients avoiding eye contact or walking with downcast eyes. Maria Tell, CEO of acourageousrose.org, shares in her "Trafficking 101" class that her sex trafficker coerced her into having an abortion. Maria said, "When we walked into that Planned Parenthood in Denver, I was walking with my head down, staring at the ground. I was walking behind him. A lack of eye contact is a red flag. While in Planned Parenthood, I asked a staff member if I could leave. She told me I could not."

A second example of an abortion clinic whistleblower can be found in the 2nd citation (tinyurl.com/25kyy6hx), which reveals that at her clinic, "It was on the day... that I learned Planned Parenthood refused to report sex trafficking, that I was pushed over the edge. I left and never turned back."

A third example is provided in the 3rd citation (tinyurl.com/mpjfds8k). The whistleblower stated that "I watched, along with my coworkers, as ... (the owner of the reproductive clinic where I worked) facilitated abortions for minors and sex trafficking victims..."

Clinics offering medical or clinical abortions that neglect reporting such signs of sex-trafficking evidence to the authorities must halt all operations and close their doors immediately. An investigation into the clinic's owner and/or associated institution shall be initiated."

That's the end of the suggested amendment wording. Thank-you for giving me the chance to propose it for the SB24-035 Bill.