

AMBASSADORS OF HOPE OPENING DOORS!

Shared Hope has many published materials to SHARE with your state legislators or legislative aides. Stress that juvenile sex trafficking is an important issue to you, as a constituent!

1 BEFORE THE MEETING

Email the [Outreach Manager](#) to see if Shared Hope International is already involved in your state. Once given the “green light,” gather materials and think about what to say!

2 REPRESENT SHI PROUDLY AT THE MEETING

1. Introduce yourselves!
“We are concerned citizens and trained volunteer Ambassadors for Shared Hope International.”
2. Identify and offer SHI resources and materials
“We have information for you on our state’s grade under Shared Hope’s [Protected Innocence Challenge](#) and ways our laws could be stronger in addressing juvenile sex trafficking.”
3. Request that they **prioritize** juvenile sex trafficking.
“We would like you to champion bills that could improve our state’s grade and ensure that we have a comprehensive approach to combat juvenile sex trafficking.”
4. Invite them to work directly with Shared Hope’s Policy Team
“Shared Hope is willing to make recommendation on specific legislation if you’re interested. I’m happy to have someone from the Policy Team contact you.” If they say yes, get their card and contact information to send to the [Outreach Manager](#).

3 AFTER THE MEETING

Update the SHI Team! Update the [Outreach Manager](#) including whom you met and any specific questions or interests from the legislators and anything you think we should know!

The Shared Hope policy team routinely works with legislators in drafting bills, coordinating support through our [Legislative Advocacy Center](#), submitting testimony, and more. Introduce your legislators or staff to: [Christine Raino, Director of Policy](#) and [Rachel Harper, Policy Counsel](#).

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State-specific Materials under the Protected Innocence Challenge

- [2015 State Report Card](#): a 2-page summary of your state's laws and your state's grade!
- 2015 [Analysis and Recommendations](#): 40-70 pages of detailed analyses of your state's laws and specific recommendations, tailored to your state's laws and remaining gaps!

Topical Materials

- **Demand** related resources are included on SHI's [website](#).
 - The [policy paper](#), [Eliminating the Third Party Control Barrier to Identifying Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims](#), discusses the importance of identifying *all* children bought or sold for sex as sex trafficking victims. There is also a [fact sheet](#), [summary](#), and [third party control state survey chart](#).
- **Non-criminalization of minors for prostitution offenses** is one of our primary policy advocacy points. Shared Hope has many resources on non-criminalization:
 - [5.3 Issue Brief](#)
 - State law survey chart, [Prohibiting Criminalization of Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims Under State Prostitution Laws](#), showing which states criminalize victims for prostitution offenses.
 - 5-page [policy paper](#), discussing the social and legal importance of ending criminalization of minors for prostitution offenses.
 - A [field guidance](#) document exploring Non-Criminal Response Mechanisms for Child Sex Trafficking.
- 41 [Issue Briefs](#), providing the reasoning and importance of each of the 41 components within the Protected Innocence Challenge and good examples of other state laws.
- [State Law Survey Charts](#) for particular policy points show how states compare.
- Other resources from the [Protected Innocence Challenge section of the website](#), such as the [Methodology](#) sheets and [factsheet of all the state grades](#) are available for you to share with your legislators as well.

Regarding specific bills in your state, Shared Hope engages Ambassadors in certain states only when we want to support specific bills or are supporting a coalition effort. For these specific legislative campaigns, Shared Hope's policy team provides talking points.

Ambassadors can also make a difference through our online advocacy!

Visit Shared Hope's [Legislative Action Center](#) to take action in support of progressive bills. Participate in the [Raise Your Grade Campaign](#) to encourage your legislators to join us in fighting juvenile sex trafficking!

