

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 their constituent!

1 BEFORE MAKING A CALL OR SETTING UP A MEETING

Shared Hope is active in all 50 states, DC and on some federal legislation. to find out from Shared Hope. At this [link](#), you will find which bills SHI is actively involved with in your state. It gives you steps how to reach out to your lawmakers and work with us to help raise your state grade. **Your goal is to introduce your lawmakers to our policy team who will help them write effective legislation!**

2 HOW TO REPRESENT SHI EFFECTIVELY

1. Introduce yourself as “I am a concerned citizen and trained volunteer Ambassadors for Shared Hope International.”
2. Identify and offer SHI resources and materials
3. “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.”
4. Request that they prioritize juvenile sex trafficking.
5. “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.”
6. Invite them to work directly with Shared Hope’s Policy Team
7. “Shared Hope is willing to make recommendation on specific legislation if you’re interested. You may contact the Policy Team directly.”
Give them this link: <https://sharedhope.org/legislative-technical-assistance/>

3 AFTER THE MEETING

Update the [Outreach Manager](#) for our records with an email, 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 official testimony, and more.

You are an important part of advocacy. We count on you to direct your legislators to our policy team to help them write effective bills. **Please recognize we are unable to support every bill that would be good, but must concentrate our efforts on the framework of the state report cards.** You may support any legislation you choose as an individual constituent, but please **ONLY** speak identify yourself as an Ambassador to the bills that Shared Hope is able to support.

State-specific Materials under the Protected Innocence Challenge

- [Find Your State Report Card](#): a 2-page summary of your state's laws and your state's grade!
- [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](#).
- These policy papers, show results by state from the beginning, resources and fact sheets, legal analysis and recommendations, and defining the key issues of the state report cards.
- **Non-criminalization of minors** for prostitution offenses is one of our primary policy advocacy points. Shared Hope has many resources on non-criminalization:
 - [Key Issues](#) and a complete toolkit at <https://sharedhope.org/PICframe9/2019ProtectedInnocenceChallengeToolkit.pdf>, show which states still criminalize victims for prostitution offenses.
- 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 and Framework](#) briefs that are available for you to share with your legislators.

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 tools for you to engage. We will often send you an action email with steps to help you be effective.

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!

