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Rep. Hunter to Host Symposium on Human Trafficking

CORPUS CHRISTI — State Rep. Todd Hunter of Corpus Christi, in conjunction with Del Mar College, will host an online symposium August 18 on the crime of human trafficking and its impact on the Coastal Bend.

The symposium will be from 2 to 3 p.m. and available for the public to view at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/471471597>. Texas Secretary of State Ruth Ruggiero Hughs, whose office partners with Texas businesses to combat human trafficking through a program named Texas Businesses Against Trafficking (TBAT), will speak, as will local representatives of law enforcement and organizations that work to combat human trafficking.

"It's important that we continue to spread awareness of this horrible crime," Rep. Hunter said. "This is an opportunity for members of our community to learn more about what human trafficking is, how we identify it, and ways that all of us can help stop it. I am grateful that Secretary Hughs will join us to talk about her work to help the business community fight and prevent this tragic issue."

"Human trafficking has no place in our communities," said Secretary Hughs. "Through our office's TBAT program, businesses across our state are able to partner together to share training resources, best practices and information to help combat this heinous crime. I thank Representative Hunter for his leadership in addressing this important issue through legislative and community action, and I look forward to continuing our work together to eradicate human trafficking in Texas."

During the 2019 legislative session, Rep. Hunter successfully sponsored Senate Bill 1801, which allow more victims of human trafficking to obtain orders of nondisclosure for crimes, such as compelled prostitution, that they may have been forced to commit. He also sponsored Senate Bill 1802, which would make it easier to prosecute human trafficking and enhancing penalties for would-be traffickers.

Similarly, Rep. Hunter helped pass House Bill 1590 to create a Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force within the Governor's office so the state can better coordinate assistance for sexual assault survivors — both children and adults.

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About Rep. Todd Hunter

Todd Hunter is the state representative for Texas House District 32 in Nueces County, TX. He is a member of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, which addresses important issues pertaining to criminal law, as well as a member of the State Affairs Committee, which deals with significant matters of state policy, ranging from the administration of the state government to cybersecurity.