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To whom it may concern

## Re: Enhanced UK Modern Slavery Helpline – Letter of support

As the National lead for Modern Slavery I am aware of the work of Hope for Justice. In particular their work in West Yorkshire Police where they have undertaken training and assisted the Police and Crime Commissioner in the establishment of an effective anti-trafficking network which is now the model for the National group launched in recent days at the Home Office. They are also directly involved in the pilot on the new National Referral Mechanism in West Yorkshire.

Hope for the Justice is amongst those organisations taking the lead in addressing the issue of modern day slavery in today's Great Britain. Their organisation is the only NGO working from the point of rescue right through to advocacy and aftercare for victims and their fieldwork skills for gathering intelligence on victims of modern day slavery along with their holistic approach in supporting victims' rehabilitation is highly regarded.

It is my opinion that Hope for justice have demonstrated that as an organisation they have the understanding and the experience of modern day slavery to be capable of operating a national helpline. In that context I am delighted to support their bid.

I am happy to be contacted should have any further queries on this matter  
Whilst it must be for others to decide on the capacity and capability of Hope for Justice to fulfil this role, through due diligence, they do have a very credible background and understanding in this arena.

Yours sincerely

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