

**Statement of Ranking Member McBath**

**LEE AMENDMENT to**

**H.R. 6998, the Renewed Hope Act**

**House Judiciary Committee**

Thank you, Chairman. And thank you, Congresswoman Lee, for offering this amendment to your bill.

It is critical that the positions created by this bill actually end up doing this important work. This amendment will prevent funding for these positions from being shifted to other purposes and strengthen this bill's commitment to directing resources to find victims and help them escape abuse and exploitation.

I support this amendment, and I thank Congresswoman Lee and Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz for their efforts in fine-tuning this bill. I yield back.