

## Victor Panak

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**Cc:** Richard Roberto <rroberto@claremontcorp.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Warrant Article-32

Dear Brookline Town Officials,

We are writing to oppose Warrant Article-32, which would require Brookline Innholder Licensees to post collateral in the hotels' public areas related to the prevention of human trafficking. We understand that human trafficking is a serious and difficult issue that hospitality employees must confront. To address this issue, Hilton Corporation requires annual training by all hotel employees on how to identify and respond to human trafficking for labor and sex. The General Manager of every Hilton hotel, including myself at The Hilton Garden Inn Brookline, and Rick Roberto at The Homewood Suites Brookline, are required to sign an affidavit confirming to Hilton Corporation that every employee at our hotels have completed Hilton's human trafficking prevention training. This training is required to be completed on an annual basis, and Hilton Quality Assurance inspectors verify annually that they have a current signed affidavit on file. Operationally, we are required to enter guestrooms every 3<sup>rd</sup> day of occupancy, even if the guest has requested that we not enter the room. Due to this operational standard, there would be no reporting to the Police Department of an occupied guestroom without employee access for 100 hours.

We are concerned that posters and other collateral in the "front-of-house" areas of the hotels would needlessly cause apprehension with our guests (particularly families with children), thinking that there must be, or has been, a human trafficking issue at our hotel, which would cause them to stay at hotels outside of Brookline. This would have an adverse effect on our revenues, which would also impact tax revenue for the Town.

We are not opposed to posting anti sex trafficking notices in our "back-of-house" areas, such as our employee breakroom and work areas, nor are we opposed to providing to the Police Department the signed document confirming that our employees have been trained in Human Trafficking Prevention.

Thank you.

John

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