**SAMPLE EMAIL ASKING THAT HB1439 be scheduled for committee hearing.**

Subject: Please support HB1439 - Addressing child exposure to violence

Dear [Senator][Representative] XXXXXX:

As the [position/role] of [CAC NAME] and your constituent in District [X], I am writing to urge your support of HB1439, a bill referred to the House Committee on Human Services, Youth & Early Learning on January 19th that makes important updates to outdated statute language for Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) and establishes a Task Force to research and recommend best practices for providing children exposed to violence with much-needed services and support.

HB1439 is important because:

* Current language regarding CACs was written more than 20 years ago when there was not a strong network of accredited and developing CACs across the state; proposed changes bring it up to date with what exists today.
* There weren’t dedicated interviewers 20 years ago and there are now designated roles for these specialized positions working across the state.
* It will establish a Task Force to research and recommend best practices for ensuring children exposed to violence are connected to resources and support that can help them address the trauma of those experiences.

At our CAC…… (add something here about your CAC, what you’ve seen over the course of the pandemic, value of MDT – something that demonstrates how your work is making a difference in their district.)

HB1439 strengthens support for CACs and will help ensure children exposed to violence get the services and support needed to heal. Please lend your voice to moving it forward – ask that it be scheduled for a hearing today.

Sincerely,

Your Name, Title

Organization