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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Dear Chairwoman Granger / Chairman Leahy and Ranking Members Lowey and Graham:

On behalf of the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to urge you to fund important programs to combat human trafficking and slavery in the FY 2013 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill and to include related Committee report language to further assist in anti-trafficking efforts.

As you begin to draft the fiscal year 2013 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill, we ask that you consider funding and report language for the following programs important to combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery:

1. \$6,800,000 for the Administration of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP) provides the tools to combat trafficking in persons and assists in the coordination of anti-trafficking efforts both worldwide and domestically. J/TIP also funds projects in 76 countries around the world in an effort to assist governments with a will to change and economic need to improve their response to human trafficking.

Established in 2001 in response to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, J/TIP's mission is to work with other governments, international organizations, and civil society actors to eradicate modern-day slavery by prosecuting traffickers, protecting victims, and preventing trafficking in persons. In recent years, J/TIP has struggled with meager funding to implement its mandates under the TVPA. With your help and leadership, we believe J/TIP can make significant progress in meeting its mandates.

2. \$25,000,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Trafficking in Persons Grants

We request \$25,000,000 under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (INCLE) for J/TIP to award grants to non-governmental organizations to fight human trafficking internationally through prevention programs, training for law enforcement, and legal and strategic support.

3. Foreign Assistance Report Language

Foreign assistance programs should take proactive steps to become aware of and responsive to hidden forms of trafficking and slavery that exist in the communities in which they work. Integrating anti-trafficking and anti-slavery measures into the planning, design, implementation and evaluation processes of foreign assistance programs across sectors would ensure that foreign assistance efforts do not inadvertently leave vulnerable community members behind or even increase their vulnerability. Assistance programs that include anti-slavery objectives in India and Nepal have begun to show the promise of this approach in contributing positively to broader development objectives. In addition, post-earthquake assistance in Haiti benefited from an understanding of prevalent forms of human trafficking in Haiti, of which many Haitian children were already victims prior to the earthquake, through proper identification of child victims who may otherwise have been returned to situations of extreme vulnerability and abuse. To ensure foreign assistance does not inadvertently promote human trafficking and slavery, we request the following report language.

Proposed Report Language:

*The Committee urges the Secretary and the Administrator of USAID to continue efforts to combat human trafficking and slavery in all aspects of foreign assistance. The Committee believes the Secretary and the Administrator should put in place systems to ensure that foreign assistance programs relating to humanitarian assistance, food security, poverty reduction, social and economic development, education and governance contribute to decreasing vulnerability to or prevalence of human trafficking and slavery, consistent with U.S. policy, including with section 107A(e) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.*

4. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Report Language

We support the labor and corporate accountability activities within the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL). These important programs strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement on labor abuses in supply chains through measures including child labor initiatives in cotton and cocoa, efforts to support Brazil's national plan against slave labor, and capacity building for local labor monitoring and worker organizations. We request the following report language to encourage DRL to continue these activities.

Proposed Report Language:

*The Committee urges the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor to continue its efforts to combat human trafficking and exploitive labor practices overseas, including its efforts to encourage businesses to adopt policies and participate in multi-stakeholder initiatives to eliminate such practices within corporate supply chains, and strengthen its efforts to include human trafficking and slavery issues within its South-South intergovernmental cooperation programs.*

5. \$380,000 (FY 2009 Level) for the Program on Migration and Refugees

We request that you maintain funding for the Program on Migration and Refugees at the fiscal year 2009 level to support continuing family reunification efforts for human trafficking survivors in the United States. Services for human trafficking survivors' family members sponsored by this program are unique in that they provide on the ground assistance for human trafficking survivors' families around the world and ensure that families can be reunited after years of separation. The program support by this fund ran a wait list of over 80 individuals from 22 countries around the world when funding was in question.

6. Post National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Number

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. The hotline is used to collect tips on human trafficking cases, connect victims with anti-trafficking services in their area, and to provide training and technical assistance and specific anti-trafficking resources. We request that the Committee include report language directing the Secretary of State to post the hotline number and website in all U.S. Embassies and Consulates in areas where visas are processed.

Proposed Report Language:

*The Committee directs the Secretary of State to post the human trafficking hotline and website information in all U.S. Embassies and Consulates in areas where visa applications are processed.*

We understand the extremely difficult funding situation you are facing in FY 2013 and, as a group of leading NGOs, we have collectively carefully vetted our requests to reflect true priorities that are targeted and focused on the most important and most effective programs in the State Department related to human trafficking. We thank you for your consideration of these requests and your continued leadership in fighting the scourge of human trafficking and slavery. If you have any questions, please contact Cory Smith, Senior Policy Advisor, at [csmithhu@gmail.com](mailto:csmithhu@gmail.com) or (202) 361-1442.

Sincerely,

Abolitionist Faith Community

Americans for Immigrant Justice

Break the Chain Campaign

Casa de la Familia

Catholic Health East

Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition (CMSHTC)

Chaya & API Safety Center

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

Church Women United

Civil Society

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (ATEST)

Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)

Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes  
Fond du Lac, WI

The Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters

Covenant House International

Damayan Migrant Workers Association

Dominican Sisters – Grand Rapids, MI – Leadership Team

The Dream Center Foundation

ECPAT-USA (ATEST)

End Slavery Cincinnati

Freedom Network

Florrie Burke, Consultant  
Freedom Network Chair Emeritus

Free the Slaves (ATEST)

General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Laura J. Lederer, President  
Global Centurion Foundation

The Glory House of Miami

GoodWeave USA

Sister Diane Bardol, GNSH, Social Justice Coordinator  
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters - USA, JPIC

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Holy Union Sisters USA

The Human Trafficking Academy of the Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights Law at  
St. Thomas University School of Law

Marianna Smirnova, Founder  
Human Trafficking Resource Project

International Justice Mission (ATEST)

International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton Ohio

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

Jewish Labor Committee Western Region/Los Angeles Network to End Slavery (LANES)

Junior League PA-MP State Public Affairs Committee of California

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

Kurdish Human Rights Watch, Inc.

Lutheran Social Services of New England

Bro. Steven O'Neil, SM  
Marianists International

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Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
United States Province

Mosaic Family Services

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National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation (NRC-CSE)

Teresa Downing, Executive Director  
Network Against Human Trafficking (Iowa)

Stephen Warnath  
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Jacqueline Zimowski  
No Human Trafficking

Nomi Network

Not For Sale (ATEST)

Not For Sale, Arkansas Chapter

Not For Sale, San Diego, CA Chapter

Not For Sale, San Francisco Bay Area, CA Chapter

Not For Sale, Orange County, CA Chapter

Not For Sale, Colorado Chapter

Not For Sale, Connecticut Chapter

Not For Sale, Florida Chapter

Not For Sale, Georgia Chapter

Not For Sale, Illinois Chapter

Not For Sale, Kansas Chapter

Not For Sale, Kentucky Chapter

Not For Sale, Louisiana Chapter

Not For Sale, Massachusetts Chapter

Not For Sale, Minnesota Chapter

Not For Sale, Nevada Chapter

Not For Sale, North Carolina Chapter

Not For Sale, Ohio Chapter

Not For Sale, South Carolina Chapter

Not For Sale, Houston, TX Chapter

Not For Sale, Texas Chapter

Not For Sale, Virginia Chapter

Not For Sale, Washington State Chapter

Oasis USA

Kathryn Xian, Executive Director  
Pacific Alliance to End Slavery

Julie Fox Gorte, Senior VP for Sustainable Living  
PaxWorld Management LLC

Polaris Project (ATEST)

Rabbis for Human Rights – North America

Religious Sisters of Charity

Patricia Jurewicz, Director  
Responsible Sourcing Network

Richmond Justice Initiative

Safe Horizon (ATEST)

School Sisters of Notre Dame – Central Pacific Province Shalom Office

Sewa-Aifw

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership

The Leadership Team of The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, NJ

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Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Sisters of the Divine Savior: US Province

Administrative Team  
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Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet,  
Albany, NY Province Justice Committee

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Denise Granger, SSJ  
For the Justice and Peace Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield

Peter and Jocelyn White  
Co-Founders, Slavery No More

Society of the Holy Father Jesus, American Province

Southern Poverty Law Center

TEN Charities/Made By Survivors

Thai Community Development Center

There is HOPE for Me, Inc.

Sister Patricia A. Daly, OP / Executive Director  
Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries

Urban Humanitarian Project

U.S. Committee for Refugee and Immigrants

Sr. Patricia Johnson, Executive Director  
U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Verité (ATEST)

Vital Voices Global Partnership (ATEST)

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

Lewis Papenfuse, Co-Executive Director  
Worker Justice Center of New York

World Relief

World Vision (ATEST)

Bro. Jeremiah O'Leary, Coordinator for Justice and Peace  
Xaverian Brothers

Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.



**ATEST is a diverse alliance of U.S.-based human rights organizations, acting with a shared agenda to end all forms of modern-day slavery and human trafficking domestically and globally. ATEST member organizations include: Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), ECPAT-USA, Free the Slaves, International Justice Mission, Not For Sale, Polaris Project, Safe Horizon, Solidarity Center, Verité, Vital Voices Global Partnership, World Vision, and one individual member, Julia Ormond, former U.N. Goodwill Ambassador and president and founder of the Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking (ASSET).**