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Dear Senator:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to express our support for the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA), S.1301, and encourage the Senate to consider additional measures to significantly improve the bill as it makes its way through the legislative process to better prevent trafficking, protect victims, and enhance prosecutions. This landmark legislation provides the tools necessary to combat trafficking and modern-day slavery at home and abroad. It was originally signed into law in 2000 and reauthorized in 2003, 2005 and 2008, and must be reauthorized again in 2011. The original sponsors of the current bill are Senators Leahy, Brown (MA), Kerry, Boxer, Cardin and Wyden. Additional co-sponsors include Senators Feinstein, Rubio, Cochran and Gillibrand.

This is an opportunity to continue the fight to end modern-day slavery in our generation. Although the United States has taken significant steps to combat human trafficking through a comprehensive approach commonly referred to as the 4P's (prevention, protection, prosecution and, most recently, partnership), more needs to be done. Its reauthorization would further the victim-centered approach that has been crucial to combating human trafficking.

The scope of human trafficking and slavery has come into sharp focus over the past years. Combined, human trafficking and slavery are the world's third largest criminal enterprises, after drugs and weapons. The 2010 Department of State's annual Trafficking in Persons report estimates that 12.3 million men, women and children are in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution around the world.

The United States can and should do more to help fight human trafficking both domestically and internationally. We respectfully ask for your support on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Abolitionist Faith Community

Alameda County District Attorney's Office

Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking (ASSET / ATEST)

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

Asian & Pacific Islander Women & Family Safety Center

Break the Chain Campaign

California National Organization for Women

Catholic Charities of Louisville

Kathleen Coll, SSJ Administrator, Shareholder Advocacy Catholic Health East

Catholic Relief Services

Center for REflection, Education and Action (CREA)

Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition (CMSHTC)

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

Civil Society

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW / ATEST)

Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes - General Council, Fond du Lac, WI

Covenant House International

Crisis Intervention of Houston

CSP Victim Assistance Programs

Dalit Freedom Network

ECPAT-USA (ATEST)

Farmworker Legal Services of NY, Inc.

Florrie Burke, Consultant Anti-Human Trafficking/Human Rights/Collaborations Freedom Network Chair Emeritus

Free the Slaves (ATEST)

Freedom Network

General Board of Church & Society – United Methodist Church

Girl Fest Hawaii a dba of the Safe Zone Foundation

Global Centurion

Global Workers Justice Alliance

Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ

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Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA, JPIC

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

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International Institute of St. Louis

International Justice Mission (ATEST)

The International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)

Floyd Glen-Lambert, President Jewish Labor Committee Western Region

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Jubilee Campaign USA

Kurdish Human Rights Watch, Inc.

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Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Modern Slavery Taskforce of Mennonite Church USA

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Not For Sale Campaign Florida Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Georgia Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Houston Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Illinois Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Kansas Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Louisiana Chapter

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Not For Sale Campaign South Carolina Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Virginia Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign Washington Chapter

Oasis USA

Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery

Julie Fox Gorte, Ph.D Senior Vice President for Sustainable Investing PaxWorld Management LLC

Polaris Project (ATEST)

Rabbis for Human Rights North America

Assistant Director of Release by Jennifer Ziegler

Responsible Sourcing Network

Richmond Justice Initiative

Safe Horizon (ATEST)

Linda Smith (U.S. Congress 1994-98) President and Founder Shared Hope International

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

Slavery Eradication and Rights Initiative (SERI) Project of the Thai Community Development Center

Sojourners

Southern Poverty Law Center

The Emancipation Network/Made by Survivors

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Verité (ATEST)

Vital Voices Global Partnership (ATEST)

WestCoast Children's Clinic

World Vision (ATEST)

ATEST is a diverse alliance of U.S.-based human rights organizations, acting with a shared agenda to end modern-day slavery and human trafficking domestically and globally. The current member organizations address many different aspects of human trafficking, including both labor trafficking and sex trafficking. 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 Campaign, 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).