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The Honorable Frank Wolf, Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

The Honorable Chaka Fattah, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

Dear Chairman Wolf / Chairwoman Mikulski and Ranking Members Fattah and Hutchison:

On behalf of the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to seek your assistance to fund a series of authorized programs in the FY 2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill that are absolutely critical to fighting the growing problem of human trafficking and slavery.

In December 2008, Congress reauthorized the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). This bipartisan reauthorization extended and modified certain programs that form the core of the Department of Justice's efforts to prevent and prosecute human trafficking and protect the victims of trafficking and slavery. Unfortunately, the problem of human trafficking and slavery is growing. These victims often experience severe trauma that requires intensive therapy and rehabilitation. In addition, human trafficking and slavery criminal cases are often complicated and involve lengthy legal proceedings requiring additional resources for prosecutors as well as victims. Many of these victims require comprehensive case management provided by victim service organizations to see them through their recovery and help them navigate the legal system.

The programs for which we request funding were authorized or have received funding in previous years. With your help and leadership, we believe it is time to increase the resources available to the Department of Justice, victims, and the victim service organizations on the frontlines fighting to help the victims of these crimes. Therefore, we request the following:

Office of Justice Programs / State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance

1. Victim Services Grants: \$15,000,000 and Report Language

We request \$15,000,000 for the Victims of Trafficking Grant program for foreign nationals, U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents, and the Human Trafficking Task Forces. Within this amount, we are seeking no less than \$6,700,000 for victims of service grants for foreign national victims of trafficking as authorized by section 107(b)(2) of Public Law 106-386 as amended by Public Law 110-457.

A portion of the remaining funds shall be used to assist U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who have become victims of human trafficking and slavery, as authorized by Section 213(a)(2) of the TVPA reauthorization of 2008. Thousands of U.S. citizens are becoming victims of these crimes whether for forced labor or sexual exploitation.

The remainder of these funds shall be used for the Department of Justice's Human Trafficking Task Forces, which integrate federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutorial and victim service organizations to prevent and prosecute human trafficking and to protect the victims of trafficking and slavery. We support the continuation of the Human Trafficking Task Force program.

Proposed Bill Language:

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance

\$15,000,000 for victim services programs for victims of trafficking, as authorized by section 107(b)(2) of Public Law 106-386, and for programs authorized under Public Law 109-164, provided that no less than \$6,700,000 shall be for victim services grants for foreign national victims of trafficking.

Proposed Report Language:

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance

The bill provides \$15,000,000 for the Victims of Trafficking Grant program as authorized by Public Law 106-386 and amended by Public Law 110-457, of which no less than \$6,700,000 is for victim services grants for foreign national victims of trafficking.

Legal Activities / Civil Rights Division

2. \$5,300,000 for the Human Trafficking and Slavery Prosecution Unit (HTSPU) and Report Language

We request \$5,300,000 for the HTSPU, equal to the budget request and the enacted funding level. The HTSPU has seen a 600% increase in its caseload in recent years. We ask that report language be added encouraging HTSPU and the recently created Anti-Trafficking Coordination teams (a joint DOJ/DHS/DOL program) to work with victim service providers and non-governmental organizations to ensure victims' needs are met.

Proposed Report Language:

Legal Activities / Salary and Expenses / General Legal Activities

The Committee provides \$5,300,000 for the Human Trafficking and Slavery Prosecution Unit (HTSPU) and encourages HTSPU and the Anti-Trafficking Coordination Teams to continue working with victim service providers and non-governmental organizations to ensure victim needs are prioritized as part of the overall strategy to combat human trafficking and slavery in the United States.

Legal Activities / United States Attorneys

3. Report Language Creating a Point of Contact in each USA Office

We request that the Subcommittee include report language that directs the creation of a point of contact (POC) in each U.S. Attorney Office (USAO) to serve as the coordinator of all human trafficking and slavery matters within each USAO and to serve as a liaison with victim service organizations within each respective jurisdiction to improve coordination and communication in each.

Proposed Report Language:

Salaries and Expenses / United States Attorneys

The Committee directs the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, in consultation with the United States Attorneys, to designate a point of contact in each U.S. Attorney office who shall serve as the coordinator for all activities within that office concerning human trafficking and slavery matters covered by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). Designating a point of contact will improve communication and coordination within each jurisdiction, including victim service organizations, in order to better serve the victims of human trafficking and slavery.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

4. FBI Salaries and Expenses: \$15,000,000 for Investigations into Severe Forms of Trafficking and Report Language

We request \$15,000,000, as authorized by Section 113(h) of the TVPA 2000, as amended by the TVPRA of 2005 and the TVPRA of 2008, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Salaries and Expenses account to investigate severe forms of trafficking in persons. As the lead federal law enforcement agency, the FBI's ability to combat trafficking and slavery would be significantly enhanced through additional resources devoted specifically to trafficking and slavery.

Proposed Report Language:

Salaries and Expenses / Federal Bureau of Investigation

The bill provides \$15,000,000 for the FBI to investigate severe forms of trafficking in persons as authorized by Section 113(h) of Public Law 106-386, as amended. As the lead federal law enforcement agency, the FBI's ability to combat trafficking and slavery would be significantly enhanced through additional resources devoted specifically to the growing problem of trafficking and slavery. The funding shall be used for investigations into trafficking and slavery and providing victim witness coordinators when needed on an emergency basis.

We understand the extremely difficult funding situation you are facing in FY 2013. We have carefully vetted our requests to reflect true priorities that are targeted and focused on the most important and most effective programs. 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 or (202) 361-1442.

Sincerely,

Abolitionist Faith Community

Americans for Immigrant Justice

Break the Chain Campaign

Casa de la Familia

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 / ATEST)

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

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

Lynn Kersey, Executive Director
Maternal and Child Health Access

Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
United States Province

Mosaic Family Services

Jerilyn Stapleton, President
National Organization for Women, Miracle Mile LA Chapter
Vice President, California National Organization for Women

Vanessa Bouche, Director of Policy
National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation (NRC-CSE)

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

Stephen Warnath
Founder, President & CEO
The NEXUS Institute

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

Pacific Survivor Center

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

Safe Horizon (ATEST)

School Sisters of Notre Dame – Central Pacific Province Shalom Office

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Sisters of Charity Nazareth Congregational Leadership

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

Sister Barbara Aires, Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Sisters of the Divine Savior: US Province

Administrative Team
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi

Sister Phyllis Tierney, SSJ
Coordinator, Sisters of St. Joseph Justice & Peace Office

Sisters of St. Joseph 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

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).