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The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson, Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

The Honorable José Serrano, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

The Honorable Jerry Moran, Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Dear Chairmen Emerson and Durbin, and Ranking Members Serrano and Moran:

On behalf of the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to seek your assistance in the FY 2013 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill to fight the growing problem of human trafficking and slavery.

U.S. Department of Treasury / Financial Crimes Enforcement Network / Salaries and Expenses

1. Report Language on Human Trafficking and Slavery

Human trafficking and slavery have grown into a \$30 billion a year industry by some estimates. The lucrative nature of this illicit industry has attracted the attention of other crime rings, most notably the illegal drug trade. Debilitating the financial networks of this industry will significantly assist law enforcement in cracking down on the trafficking trade. We are requesting report language to highlight this crime and bring it to the attention of the U.S. Department of Treasury and, most notably, its bureau of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

Proposed Report Language:

*Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
Salaries and Expenses*

The Committee recognizes that human trafficking and slavery are frequently conducted by transnational criminal organizations and therefore directs FinCEN to work with federal and state law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking and slavery and provide appropriate assistance to these agencies in their human trafficking investigations.

General Services Administration / Office of Governmentwide Policy (GSA/OGP)

2. Report Language on Human Trafficking Prevention in Procurement Programs

Human trafficking and slavery occur internationally and in the U.S., and is pervasive in the manufacturing, agriculture, and services industries (e.g., hotels). As the largest customer of goods and services in the world, the U.S. government could significantly reduce slavery worldwide by purchasing goods and services free of slave labor. We request report language directing GSA to establish protocols in federal procurement programs to combat human trafficking and slavery.

Proposed Report Language:

*General Services Administration
Office of Governmentwide Policy*

The Committee directs the Administrator of GSA to establish protocols to combat human trafficking and slavery in federal procurement programs. The Committee directs the Administrator to work with victim service providers and other non-governmental organizations in preparing such protocols and report to the Committee by September 1, 2013 on its plans to establish and implement anti-trafficking protocols in federal procurement programs.

We have carefully vetted our requests to reflect true priorities that are targeted and focused on the most important and effective programs. We believe that both the U.S. Department of Treasury and the General Services Administration have important roles in the federal effort to combat human trafficking and slavery. 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

Catholic Health East

Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition (CMSHTC)

Chaya & API Safety Center

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

Church Women United

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)

Jeffery W. Perkins, Executive Director
Friends Fiduciary Corporation

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

Richmond Justice Initiative

Safe Horizon (ATEST)

School Sisters of Notre Dame – Central Pacific Province Shalom Office

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership

The Leadership Team of The Sisters of Charity 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 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

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).