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The Honorable Ander Crenshaw, 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 Frank Lautenberg, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

The Honorable Mike Johanns, Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Dear Chairmen Crenshaw and Lautenberg, and Ranking Members Serrano and Johanns:

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 2014 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill to fight the growing problem of human trafficking and slavery. As you may know, Congress recently reauthorized the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (P.L. 113-4). Human trafficking and slavery continues to be a lucrative target of organized crime. Furthermore, these criminal networks have infiltrated parts of the U.S. procurement supply chain.

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

Report Language on Human Trafficking and Slavery

Human trafficking and slavery has 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 trans-national 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.

2. General Services Administration / Office of Government-wide Policy (GSA/OGP)

Report Language on Human Trafficking Prevention in Procurement Programs

Human trafficking and slavery occur internationally and in the U.S., and are 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 commend the U.S. government for taking initial steps by implementing Executive Order 13627 (*Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts*) and the End Trafficking in Government Contracting Act, which passed last December. This is an important first step in eradicating slavery and trafficking from the U.S. government supply chain, by focusing on procurement for overseas bases. To further reduce slavery, we request report language directing GSA to establish protocols in all federal procurement programs to combat human trafficking and slavery.

Proposed Report Language:

*General Services Administration
Office of Government-wide 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,

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Abolition International

AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women

Americans for Immigrant Justice

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Break the Chain Campaign

Bridge Over Troubled Waters (Boston, MA)

Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking (BEST)

California Against Slavery

Catholic Health East

Ruth Rosenbaum, Executive Director
CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action

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Betty J. Houbion
Independent Community Advocate
Chartered SC Human Trafficking Law

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

Christians Against Trafficking, Tulsa, Ok.

Church Women United

Civil Society (Minnesota)

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)

The Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters

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Dalit Freedom Network

Destination Freedom

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Free the Slaves

Freedom Network USA

Friends Fiduciary Corporation

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Global Centurion

Glory House of Miami

GoodWeave

The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Yardley, PA

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Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights

Holy Union Sisters USA

Human Rights Project for Girls

Idaho Coalition for Justice

Illinois Collaboration of Youth

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International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA)

International Institute of New England (IINE)

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Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

The Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition

Lutheran Social Services of New England

Made By Survivors, a project of T.E.N. Charities

Amb. Mark P. Lagon
Georgetown University
Former Ambassador at Large to Combat TIP, U.S. Department of State

Maternal and Child Health Access

Mercy Investment Services, Inc.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Mosaic Family Services

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

National Consumers League

National Network for Youth (NN4Y)

National Survivor Network

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

New River Valley Justice Initiative

Stephen Warnath
The NEXUS Institute

Jacqueline Zimowski
No Human Trafficking

Nomi Network

Not For Sale

Not For Sale Campaign Ohio Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, Arkansas Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, Colorado Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, Connecticut Chapter

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, Kentucky Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Louisiana Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Massachusetts Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Michigan Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Minnesota Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Nevada Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, New York Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, North Carolina Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Ohio Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Orange County, CA Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, San Diego Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, South Carolina Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Texas Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Virginia Chapter
Not For Sale Campaign, Washington Chapter

Oasis USA

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Pacific Survivor Center

Pax World Funds (may add: Julie Fox Gorte)

Aquilina Soriano Versoza, Executive Director
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Polaris Project

Ruth Kuhn, SC, Coordinator
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Religious Sisters of Charity

Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Province

Responsible Sourcing Network

Restoration Ministries

Restore NYC

Richmond Justice Initiative

Safe Horizon

School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province Shalom Office

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Shared Hope International

Shenandoah Valley Justice Initiative

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Southern Poverty Law Center

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Thai Community Development Center

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The National Crittenton Foundation

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF

The Women's Community, Inc.

There Is Hope For Me, Inc.

General Board of Church and Society
United Methodist Church

Verité

VIDA Legal Assistance, Inc.

Virginia Beach Justice Initiative

Vital Voices Global Partnership

Women of Vision Albuquerque

Women of Vision Austin

Women of Vision Baltimore

Women of Vision Charlotte, NC

Women of Vision Chicago

Women of Vision Colorado

Women of Vision Columbia-Willamette, Oregon and SW Washington

Women of Vision Eastside, Washington State

Women of Vision Fairfield County

Women of Vision Greater Seattle

Women of Vision Houston

Women of Vision Kittitas-Yakima, Yakima-Ellensburg, WA

Women of Vision New Jersey

Women of Vision New York City

Women of Vision North Atlanta

Women of Vision Orange County

Women of Vision San Diego

Worker Justice Center of New York

YWCA York/York County Human Trafficking Task Force

Marion L. Simpson, Executive Director
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Youth Services for Stephens Count, Inc. (Duncan, OK)

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, and World Vision.