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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 2014 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill and to include related Committee report language to further assist in anti-trafficking efforts.

Recently, Congress overwhelmingly voted to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (P.L. 113-4), further validating the critical roles that the U.S State Department and USAID play in fighting this despicable crime that threatens lives and well being of children, women, and men across the globe, both abroad and in the U.S.

As you begin to draft the fiscal year 2014 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:

\$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.

#### \$30,000,000 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 fight human trafficking internationally through prevention programs, strengthening protection mechanisms for survivors, training for law enforcement, and legal and strategic support.

We also request an additional \$5 million specifically for Child Protection Compacts. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (P.L. 113-4), the State Department is authorized to provide assistance for each country that enters into a child protection compact with the United States to support policies and programs that prevent and respond to violence, exploitation, and abuse against children; and measurably reduce the trafficking of minors, by building sustainable and effective systems of justice, prevention, and protection. The assistance can be provided in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts to or with national governments, regional or local governmental units, or non-governmental organizations or private entities with expertise in the protection of victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons. Compacts would include measurable objectives to be achieved and a country strategy to ensure sustainability after the end of the Compact.

#### 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.*

## 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.*

## \$600,000 for the Program on Migration

We request that you increase funding for the Program on Migration within the Migration and Refugee Assistance account to \$600,000 to ensure continued services to support family reunification efforts for human trafficking survivors in the United States throughout the year. 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. In January of this year, IOM sent notices to service providers to alert them that no funding would be available for family reunification in 2013. Until IOM receives additional funds, survivors will not be reunited with their family members. Already, the program supported by the fund is running a wait list of 149 individuals from 20 countries; 70% of those on the waitlist are children of human trafficking survivors.

## 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 National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline, email address, 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 2014 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,

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Christians Against Trafficking, Tulsa, Ok.

Church Women United

Civil Society (Minnesota)

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)

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Destination Freedom

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Global Centurion

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GoodWeave

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Holy Union Sisters USA

Human Rights Project for Girls

Idaho Coalition for Justice

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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

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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

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Not For Sale

Not For Sale Campaign Ohio Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, Arkansas Chapter

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Not For Sale Campaign, Orange County, CA Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, San Diego Chapter

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Not For Sale Campaign, South Carolina Chapter

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Not For Sale Campaign, Virginia Chapter

Not For Sale Campaign, Washington Chapter

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Pacific Survivor Center

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

Responsible Sourcing Network

Restoration Ministries

Restore NYC

Richmond Justice Initiative

Safe Horizon

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Southern Poverty Law Center

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Thai Community Development Center

The Lifeboat Project, Inc. Jill Bolander Cohen Founder/CEO

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

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Kristy Childs  
Founder & Executive Director  
Veronica's Voice Inc.

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

World Vision

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**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.**