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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense

The Honorable Pete Visclosky, Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee Defense

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Durbin

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense

Dear Chairmen Frelinghuysen and Durbin and Ranking Members Visclosky and Cochran:

On behalf of the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) and the undersigned organizations, we thank you for your leadership in the fight to end child labor, forced labor, human trafficking, and slavery, and appreciate your efforts to curtail these practices. We are writing to seek your assistance in funding programs related to child labor, forced labor, human trafficking and slavery in the FY 2015 Department of Defense Appropriation bill.

The Defense Department has a zero tolerance policy for trafficking in persons. As DOD operates around the world, it has a moral obligation to fight this heinous crime, protect freedom, and create stability. DOD's obligation holds its military, civilian employees, and contractors accountable.

ATEST commends DOD's leadership in fighting human trafficking, but challenges the Department to devote more resources and a dedicated office for this purpose. As such, ATEST is seeking the following report language in the FY15 Defense Appropriations bill.

Proposed Report Language:

*The Committee commends the work of the Office of the Secretary in combating human trafficking and modern slavery at DOD facilities in the U.S. and around the world. The Committee encourages the Secretary to devote more resources to fighting the global problem of human trafficking and modern slavery and encourages the Secretary to create an office with budget authority to further the goals of the Department in addressing this issue.*

As a champion of the victims of child labor, forced labor, and sex trafficking, you understand the complexities of these issues and the resources needed to respond to these problems. We have carefully vetted our requests to reflect the true priorities of the community, focusing on the most important and effective programs. We thank you for your consideration of these requests and your continued leadership in fighting to end child labor, forced labor, human trafficking and

slavery. If you have any questions, please contact Melysa Sperber, ATEST Director, at [msperber@humanityunited.com](mailto:msperber@humanityunited.com) or (631) 374-0749.

Sincerely,

Advocacy for Justice and Peace Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Adler School of Professional Psychology

Albion Free Methodist Church

Americans for Immigrant Justice, Inc.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles

Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition

Bolton Lillie Publishing

Break the Chain Campaign

Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking

Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago

Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition

CHE Trinity Health

Child Labor Coalition

CHILDREN AT RISK

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church World Service

Civil Society (Minnesota)

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)

Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

Committee for Children

Cornerstone Children's Ranch

Dawn's Place

Dignity Health

Diocese of Springfield

Dominican Sisters

East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force

ECPAT-USA

Enterprising & Professional Women-NYS

Franciscan Action Network

Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, Cinn., OH

Free the Slaves

Freedom Network USA

Futures Without Violence

GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs, FL

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Give Way to Freedom

GNSH Derby Social Justice Group

GoodWeave International

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Yardley, PA

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

Hagar USA

Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA

Human Trafficking Center, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

IF Hummingbird Foundation

Jill Iscol, President

IGLTA

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility's Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery Working Group

International Justice Mission

Jewish Women International

Joint Council on International Children's Services

Junior Leagues of Georgia, State Public Affairs Committee

Justice Team - Congregation of St. Joseph

Law Office of James Martin Coode

Leadership Conference of Women Religious

LifeWay Network

Love146

Lutheran Social Services of New England

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Massachusetts Citizens for Children

Maternal and Child Health Access

Mercy Investment Services, Inc.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Consumers League

National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of Jewish Women-California

National Domestic Workers Alliance

National Network for Youth

New Orleans Human Trafficking Working Group

Nomi Network INC

Not for Sale

Pacific Survivor Center

Perhaps Kids Meeting Kids Can Make A Difference

Polaris Project

Prax(us)

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Presbyterian Women

RACINE, WI Dominican Sisters

RBMA Investigations

Religious Sisters of Charity

Rhode Island Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Richmond Justice Initiative

Ricky Martin Foundation

Safe Horizon

Safe House of Hope

SDS Hope House, Inc.

Servants of the Paraclete

Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice Team

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Justice and Peace Office

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Sisters of the Presentation

Slavery Today

Slavery Today Journal

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Solidarity Center

Somaly Mam Foundation

State Public Affairs Committee of the Jr. League of Florida

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Tahirih Justice Center

Thai Community Development Center

The Bridge for Youth

The General Board of Church and Society - United Methodist Church

The Gray Haven

The International Organization for Adolescents

The NEXUS Institute

There Is Hope For Me, Inc.

To Love Children Educational Foundation

Transport For Christ, Inc. (Exit 58)

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

UNANIMA International

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries

US Fund for UNICEF

Verite

Victory Assembly of God

Vital Voices Global Partnership

Walk Free Movement to End Modern Slavery

WestCoast Childrens Clinic

Women of Vision Albuquerque

Women of Vision Chicago

Women of Vision, Austin

Women of Vision, Orange County

Women Thrive Worldwide

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

World Vision

Xaverian Brothers

YouthCare

youthSpark, 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, Polaris Project, Safe Horizon, Solidarity Center, Verité, Vital Voices Global Partnership, and World Vision.**