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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 Tom Udall, 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 Udall, 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 2015 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill to fight the growing problem of human trafficking and forced labor. Human trafficking and forced labor continue to be a lucrative target of organized crime. Furthermore, these criminal networks have infiltrated parts of the U.S. procurement supply chain.

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

1. Report Language on Human Trafficking and Forced Labor

Human trafficking and forced labor 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 forced labor 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 forced labor and provide

appropriate assistance to these agencies in their human trafficking investigations.

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

2. Report Language on Human Trafficking Prevention in Procurement Programs

Human trafficking and forced labor occur internationally and in the U.S. and are pervasive in the manufacturing, construction, 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 human trafficking and forced labor worldwide by purchasing goods and services free of exploitative labor. Executive Order 13627 (*Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts*), the End Trafficking in Government Contracting Act (ETGCA), and the proposed Federal Acquisition Regulations, implementing the EO and ETGCA, laid the initial groundwork to eradicate human trafficking from the U.S. government supply chain by focusing on procurement for overseas bases. To further reduce trafficking and forced labor, we request report language directing GSA to establish protocols in all federal procurement programs to combat human trafficking.

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 forced labor 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 February 1, 2015 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 forced labor. We thank you for your consideration of these requests and your continued leadership in fighting the scourge of human trafficking and forced labor. If you have any questions, please contact Melysa Sperber, ATEST Director, at 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

Xaverian Brothers

YouthCare

youthSpark, Inc.

A TEST 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. A TEST 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.