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Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act of 2014

The U.S. is the world's largest importer. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Labor identified 134 goods from 74 countries made by forced and child labor. Today, the public is increasingly demanding information about the human rights impact of products in the U.S. market. The U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights affirm that business enterprises have a responsibility to respect human rights and that States have a duty to ensure these rights are protected.

What would this proposed legislation accomplish?

- Require companies with a minimum of \$100 million in worldwide gross receipts annually to report transparently to the Securities and Exchange Commission and on their websites about their efforts to address slavery and child labor within their business operations, including supply chain and labor management;
- Create competition to improve practices to end slavery by providing the public and the market with information about companies that are – and that are not – taking real steps to address slavery;
- Help businesses by establishing clear federal transparency requirements that put all businesses on an even playing field, so they do not have to comply with a patchwork of state laws in an area of clear federal jurisdiction; and
- Would *not* require companies to take any specific action to combat slavery within their business. This is a pure transparency measure.

Why should your office support this legislation?

- Many goods Americans use every day have passed through the hands of a slave.
- The current legislative and regulatory framework to prevent such goods from entering the US is inadequate; the U.S. legal prohibition on importation of slave-made goods has resulted in only 40 enforcement actions on record in 80 years.
- Passage of this provision would help fight human trafficking, forced labor, slavery, and the worst forms of child labor, and would demonstrate the U.S. commitment to freedom.
- The law would raise awareness of an issue that is being largely ignored by companies doing business in parts of the world where slavery is prevalent.

Please Co-sponsor H.R.4842

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