



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Minority Whip
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, and Whip Hoyer:

We write to urge you to bring S. 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act to the House floor for a vote. As Members of the House of Representatives who have long supported anti-human trafficking legislation and whose bills to combat this scourge have previously passed the House unanimously, we were pleased to see our legislation included in S. 178, a long-negotiated, bipartisan compromise that will provide critical resources to victims of human trafficking and law enforcement officials.

S. 178 is a comprehensive bill that will help combat human trafficking right here in the United States. The bill includes versions of ten bipartisan bills that passed through the House in January:

- H.R. 181, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act
- H.R. 159, Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act
- H.R. 246, To Improve the Response to Victims of Child Sex Trafficking
- H.R. 285, Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act
- H.R. 350 Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act
- H.R. 357, Human Trafficking Prevention Act
- H.R. 398, Trafficking Awareness Training for Healthcare Act
- H.R. 460, Human Trafficking Detection Act
- H.R. 468, Enhancing Services for Runaway and Homeless Youth Victims of Trafficking
- H.R. 469, Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Human Trafficking

S. 178 presents an opportunity for both Chambers to stand together in support of important legislation that helps vulnerable children across America. This legislation also positions the United States as a leader in the fight against modern slavery. We respectfully request that you bring S. 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, to the floor as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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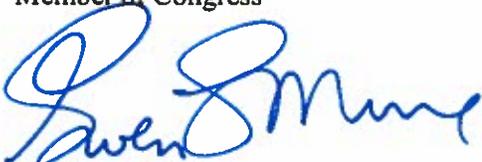
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