



## Alliance To End Slavery & Trafficking

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Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Chairman  
House Foreign Affairs Committee  
2206 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Howard Berman  
Ranking Member  
House Foreign Affairs Committee  
2221 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Ros-Lehtinen and Ranking Member Berman:

On behalf of the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST), we want to thank you for your efforts to ensure that the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) is reauthorized this year. The TVPA is landmark legislation that provides the framework necessary to combat human trafficking and modern-day slavery at home and abroad.

However, while the TVPA has been a critical tool in our collective fight against human trafficking, there are a number of critical improvements to the law that are necessary for our work to continue to be effective on the ground to end this egregious practice once and for all. Unfortunately, a number of these key provisions are not reflected in the bill that passed out of the Foreign Affairs committee this week. For example:

- H.R. 2830 no longer includes a provision to provide **oversight and accountability for foreign labor recruiters** to prevent human trafficking and provide information to workers to ensure they are not vulnerable to exploitation and abuse;
- H.R. 2830 also no longer includes language that would require the Department of Labor to produce a **more comprehensive list of products that were made by forced or child labor**;
- The bill also fails to include language to authorize the Secretary of State to enter into **compacts with other countries to ensure comprehensive strategic programs to combat human trafficking of children**; and
- The bill fails to include a program for **training investigators at the Department of Labor to identify and protect victims and witnesses of human trafficking crimes**.

While we continue to support a number of important provisions that remain in H.R. 2830 and urge you to press to maintain them, we look forward to working with you to strengthen the bill as it moves forward to ensure we have the most effective tools in place to make progress on our shared goal of ending slavery and human trafficking in our time.

Thank you, and please contact Cory Smith with Humanity United at (202) 361-1442 or at [csmithhu@gmail.com](mailto:csmithhu@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)

End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT-USA)

Free the Slaves

International Justice Mission

Not For Sale Campaign

Polaris Project

Safe Horizon

Solidarity Center

Verité

Vital Voices Global Partnership

World Vision

cc: Members of the Full Committee on House Foreign Affairs

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ATEST is a diverse alliance of U.S.-based human rights organizations, acting with a shared agenda to end modern-day slavery and human trafficking domestically and globally. The current member organizations address many different aspects of human trafficking, including both labor trafficking and sex trafficking. 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 Campaign, Polaris Project, Safe Horizon, Solidarity Center, Verité, Vital Voices Global Partnership, World Vision, and one individual member, Julia Ormond, former U.N. Goodwill Ambassador and president and founder of the Alliance to Stop Slavery and End Trafficking (ASSET).