

March 16, 2018

Dear Senator:

As organizations and leaders in the movement to end human trafficking, we want to express our strong support for H.R. 1865, the *Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017 (FOSTA)* that now includes the language from the Senate Commerce passed legislation, S. 1693, the *Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act of 2017 (SESTA)* that was originally introduced by Senators Rob Portman and Richard Blumenthal and has 66 bipartisan co-sponsors.

As we have stated previously, legislation to clarify Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) is urgently needed given the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit's ruling that **even criminal conduct by a website operator is shielded by the CDA**. However, we are deeply concerned that those who strongly oppose enactment of this legislation have now offered two amendments in a veiled attempt to kill this effort.

It is shameful that those who have opposed this legislation from the beginning are using this deceptive tactic to derail this package to continue to deprive survivors and their families of justice, but we hope you will see past such efforts and vote down any new amendments on this bill. The U.S. House of Representatives sent a strong message to survivors of human trafficking by passing this legislation by a vote of 388-25. Along with the public support of the SESTA-FOSTA legislation by the Administration, it is imperative that the Senate pass the House bill in its current form **and oppose the two new amendments that will kill this legislation**.

Every day of delay is another day where our nation's most vulnerable children will be bought and sold online. As survivors and advocates dedicated to eradicating human trafficking, we ask for you to vote YES on this important legislation that will help ensure accountability for websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking, and we implore you to vote NO on any new amendments so we can finally get this bill enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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3. Covenant House International  
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5. World Without Exploitation  
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6. Enough Is Enough  
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7. National Center on Sexual Exploitation  
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8. Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking  
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9. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation  
Chicago, Illinois
10. Living in Freedom Together  
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11. The New Abolitionists  
New York, NY
12. ECPAT USA  
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13. Consumer Watch Dog  
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14. The Voices and Faces Project  
Chicago, IL
15. CSE Institute, Villanova Law  
Villanova, PA
16. Equality Now  
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17. GEMS  
New York, NY
18. Stolen Youth  
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19. ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now  
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20. Abolition Ohio  
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21. National Council of Jewish Women New York  
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22. Women's Rights Information Center  
Englewood, NJ
23. Sanctuary for Families  
New York, NY
24. National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore  
Northbrook, IL
25. Rising International  
Santa Cruz, CA
26. My Life My Choice  
Boston, MA
27. Restore NYC  
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28. Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network  
Yuma, AZ
29. Elijah Rising  
Houston, TX
30. In Our Backyard  
Redmond, OR
31. Free to Thrive  
San Diego, CA
32. Houston 20  
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33. Junior League of Birmingham  
Birmingham, AL
34. Legal Momentum  
New York, NY
35. Freedom From Exploitation, Inc.  
San Diego, CA
36. SWLA Abolitionists  
Lake Charles, LA
37. Sanofi  
Lynnfield, MA

38. Justice Restoration Center  
Clearwater, FL
39. The Samaritan Women  
Baltimore, MD
40. Real Life Giving  
Nashua, NH
41. Stand Against Trafficking USA, Inc.  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC
42. Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking  
Akron, OH
43. Illinois Family Action  
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44. Valiant Hearts  
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45. Not Here Justice in Action Network  
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46. Exodus Cry  
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47. Trafficking in America Task Force  
Gainesville, FL
48. Awaken  
Reno, NV
49. Lacy's Hope Project  
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50. Mercy Gate Ministries  
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51. Oasis House  
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52. Lynch Foundation for Children  
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54. National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section  
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