

March 9, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer:

As organizations and leaders in the movement to end human trafficking, we want to thank you for considering to schedule an important floor vote next week on H.R. 1865, the *Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017 (FOSTA)* that 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 co-sponsors.

The need for legislation to clarify Section 230 of the Communication's Decency Act (CDA) is urgently needed given the 1st Circuit ruling in *Doe v. Backpage*. That ruling held that **even if Backpage had participated in the crime of sex trafficking, Section 230 shielded the company** from the claims filed by child victims. We greatly appreciate the support of all 66 bipartisan Senate co-sponsors who fully understand the barriers Section 230 has created in the ability of state and local law enforcement and survivors to seek justice against websites that are **knowingly** engaged in facilitating human trafficking.

The U.S. House of Representatives sent a strong message by passing this legislation by a vote of 388-25. Along with the public support of the FOSTA-SESTA legislation by the Administration, it is imperative that the Senate take up this bill next week. Justice delayed is justice denied and each day that passes is another day that a child will be sold online. As survivors and advocates dedicated to eradicating human trafficking, we are grateful for your commitment to bring this important legislation to the floor to help ensure that websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking will at long last be held accountable for their actions.

Sincerely,

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New York, NY
2. Rights4Girls
Washington, DC
3. Shared Hope International
Arlington, VA
4. ECPAT USA
New York, NY
5. World Without Exploitation
New York, NY
6. Mary Mazzio & I AM JANE DOE Community
Boston, MA

7. National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)
Washington, DC
8. Equality Now
New York, NY
9. Legal Momentum
New York, NY
10. Organization for Prostitution Survivors (OPS)
Seattle, WA
11. My Life My Choice
Boston, MA
12. Truckers Against Trafficking
Englewood, CO
13. Sanctuary for Families
New York, NY
14. Rebecca Bender Initiative
Grants Pass, OR
15. Trafficking in America Task Force
Gainesville, FL
16. Villanova Law School Institute on Commercial Sexual Exploitation
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17. National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.
New York, NY
18. National Council of Jewish Women New York
New York, NY
19. Women's Justice NOW
New York, NY
20. NOW New Jersey
Jersey City, NJ
21. The Voices and Faces Project
Chicago, IL
22. NH Traffick Free Coalition
Milford, NH
23. Free to Thrive
San Diego, CA

24. Enough is Enough
Great Falls, VA
25. Living in Freedom Together Inc.
Worcester, MA
26. StolenYouth
Seattle, WA
27. Finding Grace Ministries
Barnhart, MO
28. Pennsylvania Family Council
Harrisburg PA
29. The Family Foundation of Kentucky
Lexington, KY
30. ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now
Farmville, NC
31. In Our Backyard
Redmond, OR
32. Consumer Watchdog
Santa Monica, CA
33. The Partnership for the Eradication of Human Trafficking
New York, NY
34. National Decency Coalition
Mount Juliet, TN
35. Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition
Bridgeport, CT
36. A Safe Place
Wilmington, North Carolina
37. Rising International
Santa Cruz, CA
38. Shield North Carolina
Apex, NC
39. Exodus Cry
Kansas City, MO
40. Strength and Dignity, Inc.
Albert Lea, MN

41. ArtWorks for Freedom
Washington, DC
42. UniteWomen.org
Birmingham, MI
43. Teens Against Trafficking
Bethesda, MD
44. League of Women Voters of Teaneck
Teaneck, NJ
45. Stand Against Trafficking USA Inc.
Ocean Isle Beach, NC
46. Fair Girls
Washington, DC
47. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
Chicago, IL
48. New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking
New Milford, NJ
49. SWLA Abolitionists
Lake Charles, LA
50. Justice Restoration Center
Clearwater, FL
51. Albert Lea Vineyard Church
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52. Women's Rights Information Center
Englewood, NJ
53. Real Life Giving
Merrimack, NH
54. Mirror Ministries
Richland, WA
55. Justice Network
North Haledon, NJ
56. Operation Shield
Idaho Falls, Idaho
57. Montgomery County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition
Norristown, PA

58. Mid-Atlantic Dream Center
Philadelphia, PA
59. Project Stay Gold
Sparta, NJ
60. Global Centurion
Fairfax, VA
61. CSA San Diego County
San Diego, CA
62. Abolition Ohio
Dayton, OH
63. Northern New Jersey Chapter, National Organization for Women
Bergen County, NJ
64. Morris County Chapter, National Organization for Women
Morristown, NJ
65. Shore Area Chapter, National Organization for Women
Eatontown, NJ
66. South Jersey National Organization for Women--Alice Paul Chapter
Cherry Hill, NJ
67. American Family Association of Pennsylvania
Franklin, PA
68. Awaken
Reno, NV
69. Freedom From Exploitation, Inc.
San Diego, CA
70. Not On My Watch Inc.
New York, NY
71. Lawyers Club of San Diego
San Diego, CA
72. Into the Light
Mountain Home, AR
73. Child's World America
Villanova, PA
74. Refuge
Wichita, KS

75. The Stop Trafficking Project
Shawnee, KS
76. The Houston 20
Houston, TX
77. Family Connection Foundation
Winston Salem, NC
78. Building Hope In The City
Cleveland, OH
79. Phoenix Rising
Bowling Green, KY
80. NC Protect Our Students
Emerald Isle, NC
81. The Lynch Foundation for Children
Ranchero Santa Fe, CA
82. Saved in America
Oceanside, CA
83. Valiant Hearts
Colleyville, TX
84. Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Supply, NC
85. Stand Against Trafficking USA (STAT USA)
Shallotte, NC
86. YouthSpark
Atlanta, GA
87. Three Rivers Youth
Pittsburgh, PA
88. FREE International
Henderson, NV
89. San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
San Diego, CA
90. LifeWay Network
Rego Park, NY
91. Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
Seattle, WA

92. To Love Children Educational Foundation International Inc.
San Francisco, CA
93. Generate Hope
San Diego, CA
94. Glory House of Miami
Miami, FL
95. Family Watch International
Gilbert, AZ
96. Rescue: Freedom International
Kirkland, WA
97. Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force
Billings, MT
98. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Washington, DC
99. The Samaritan Women
Baltimore, MD
100. Being a Voice
Philadelphia, PA
101. Her Song Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
102. Zoë Ministries, Inc.
Greenwood, DE
103. Christy's Cause
Estero, FL
104. Living In Freedom Together Inc.
Worcester, MA
105. Mirror Ministries
Richland, WA
106. Hope Ranch For Women
Wichita, KS
107. True Justice International
New Bern, NC
108. Worthwhile Wear - The Well
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