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,

1. Covenant House International
   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  
    Villanova, PA

    New York, NY

    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
   Albert Lea, MN

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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