



Countering Human Trafficking: What's New? What's Next?

Tuesday, March 19 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2456 Rayburn House Office Building

In Cooperation with the Congressional Human Trafficking Caucus

Please join representatives from three leading anti-trafficking coalitions for a briefing on current and proposed initiatives to confront human trafficking and its root causes inside the U.S. and overseas.

Key Speakers:

- **ATEST – Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking:** Neha Misra & Terry FitzPatrick
- **Freedom Network USA:** Jean Bruggeman & Rafael Bautista
- **ILRWG – International Labor Recruitment Working Group:** Sulma Guzman

Key Topic Areas:

- **What is Trafficking:** Background on both labor and sex trafficking and their root causes, and how a whole-of-government approach works to unify the three key strategies of prevention, prosecution and protection
- **What's in the Trafficking Act:** What's new in the recently reauthorized Trafficking Victims Protection Act and related legislation
- **Implementation & Oversight:** FY20 appropriations, oversight on implementation of newly-passed provisions, oversight on survivor visa and vacatur policies, oversight on TIP Report tier rankings
- **New Initiatives:** Agricultural worker protection, survivor tax relief

A great educational opportunity for new staffers to meet and build connections with anti-trafficking advocates. An important opportunity for all staffers to engage with anti-trafficking advocates on priorities for the 116th Congress.

The Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST) is a U.S. based coalition that advocates for solutions to prevent and end all forms of human trafficking and modern slavery around the world. ATEST advocates for lasting solutions to prevent labor and sex trafficking, hold perpetrators accountable, ensure justice for victims and empower survivors with tools for recover. ATEST's collective experience implementing programs at home and abroad provides the coalition with unparalleled breadth and depth of expertise. ATEST member organizations include: Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), Free the Slaves, Human Trafficking Institute, National Network for

Youth (NN4Y), Polaris, Safe Horizon, Solidarity Center, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, United Way Worldwide, Verité, and Vital Voices Global Partnership. (www.endslaveryandtrafficking.org)

Freedom Network USA, established in 2001, is a coalition of 68 non-governmental organizations and individuals that provide services to, and advocate for the rights of, trafficking survivors in the U.S. Cumulatively, our members serve over 2,000 survivors of human trafficking in the U.S each year. As the largest network of providers working directly with trafficking survivors in the U.S, we are uniquely situated to evaluate the impact of U.S government efforts to address human trafficking, identify challenges, and propose solutions. (www.freedomnetworkusa.org)

International Labor Recruitment Working Group (ILRWG) is the first coordinated effort to strategically address abuses in international labor recruitment across visa categories. The Working Group is comprised of organizations working in various industries and with workers with a wide variety of visa types. The Working Group seeks to end the systemic abuse of international workers who are recruited to the U.S., by collaborating across labor sectors to develop comprehensive policies and advocate for reforms, including increased enforcement of existing laws and increased transparency in the labor recruitment process. The formation of the Working Group represents a transformational shift in the conceptual framing of guest worker protections: one that recognizes the systematic abuses in the recruitment of foreign workers as a form of economic coercion. (<https://fairlaborrecruitment.wordpress.com>)