

Honorable Members of the United States Senate  
Honorable Members of the United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

October 1, 2025

Dear Members of Congress:

The undersigned 74 anti-trafficking and anti-violence organizations write today to urge you to protect access to lifesaving victim services for over 3,000 survivors of human trafficking in the US. **Today, without grant agreements in place to dispense FY25 funds, the Department of Justice cut off funding for over 100 victim service providers, serving at least 3,000 survivors.** The DOJ Office for Victims of Crime has yet to release any notices of funding opportunities for the \$88 million in appropriated funds from FY25 appropriations. Without new grants, over 100 communities will lose a crucial service provider that helps keep their communities safe. Survivors need these services to escape trafficking and rebuild their lives.

Congress established these victim services programs in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and subsequent reauthorizations (TVPA). Congress has overwhelmingly voted to continue these programs over the last 25 years and increase funding to ensure survivors across the country are able to escape their traffickers and access the services and support that they need to survive. Congress should take action to ensure the Department of Justice distributes grant funds in accordance with the TVPA and Congressional appropriations. Protecting and fully funding these lifesaving programs is critical to protecting survivors and preventing re-exploitation.

Consistent federal funding puts providers in a better position to quickly help survivors seeking safety. With these grants, they can meet emergency needs that help survivors escape, like housing, food, and medical care. The funding allows for comprehensive services like case management, reunification for families separated by trafficking, mental healthcare, assistance in finding safer jobs, legal support, and community support, which support survivors in long-term healing and financial stability. The sustained nature of these funds has allowed providers to expand these services to more survivors each year. Any lapse in funds will threaten over 3,000 survivors' access to services.

We urge all members of Congress to protect the victim services that survivors need to survive, including by:

1. Immediately urging the US Attorney General **to release the FY25 TVPA funds and conduct the grant solicitation process.**
2. Pressuring the DOJ **to provide invitations to FY22 grantees for non-competitive awards of at least one year** to allow them to continue to serve over 3,000 survivors until the FY25 grants are in place.
3. Conducting oversight **to ensure the appropriated funds are spent in accordance with the TVPA** to prevent a catastrophic lapse in services.

Allowing these funds to disappear would enable human trafficking and put survivors' lives at risk. Many regions will lose their only service provider, leaving survivors with no safe emergency housing, case management, or counseling. Communities will be made less safe as traffickers would exploit with impunity, and fewer survivors will be able to come forward. Please reach out to Emma Ecker at [emma@freedomnetworkusa.org](mailto:emma@freedomnetworkusa.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations**

Freedom Network USA

ASISTA Immigration Assistance

Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

End SIJS Backlog Coalition

Equal Rights Advocates

Esperanza United

Frontera Federation

Just Detention International

Justice in Motion

Justice Restoration Center

Kids in Need of Defense

Liluye

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

Model Alliance

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Network for Youth

National Survivor Network

Polaris

Respect Together

Sahiyo U.S. Inc.

Secure Survivors

Tahirih Justice Center

The Advocates for Human Rights

The Human Trafficking Legal Center

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

**State and Local Organizations**

AO: Advocating Opportunity

Ambassadors For Christ Youth Ministries

API Chaya  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California  
Asian Americans for Community Involvement  
Ayuda  
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, DBA Standpoint  
Beyond Survival  
Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking  
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto  
Damayan Migrant Workers Association  
Her Justice  
Human Trafficking Intervention and Prevention Program  
IL Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project  
Immigration Center for Women and Children  
Justice At Last  
Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking  
Latino Pastoral Action Center  
Law Office of Peggy J. Bristol, PC  
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services  
Life Span  
LOTUS Legal Clinic  
Loyola Law School, Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative  
Mesa Farm Mental Health LLC  
Minnesota Alliance on Crime  
Minnesota Children's Alliance  
Mosaic Family Services  
National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) -Greater Long Beach & West Orange County  
New York City Anti-Violence Project  
Oasis Productions DBA Stepping Stones Network  
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect  
Preble Street  
Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault  
Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corp's Still Waters Anti-Trafficking Program  
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network  
Saving Innocence  
Thrive Behavioral Health  
University of Maryland SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors  
Wholeness Restored Coaching & Consulting  
Womankind  
Worker Justice Center of New York  
YWCA Kalamazoo