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The Honorable Bob Corker
Chairman, Committee
Foreign Relations
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Menendez
Ranking Member, Committee
Foreign Relations
528 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Corker and Ranking Member Menendez:

We the undersigned organizations would like to thank you for your historic leadership in addressing human trafficking worldwide through the introduction of *The End Modern Slavery Initiative Act of 2015*.

As you know, an estimated 21 million people are victims of human trafficking around the world. Human trafficking victims are men and women, boys and girls, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals. They are people exploited in fields and factories, brothels and motels, in fishing boats and mines. While slavery is illegal in every country in the world, cases of forced labor and sex trafficking are found all around the globe, including the United States.

While U.S. government agencies and many groups and organizations have taken significant steps toward fighting modern slavery, we need to take our efforts to the next level.

The *End Slavery Initiative Act* would authorize \$250 million in U.S. government funding over seven years to leverage a \$1.5 billion international fund dedicated to scaling solutions. This legislation represents the most dramatic increase in support for anti-human trafficking efforts we have ever seen.

This bold, bipartisan legislation would create a focused, sustained effort in collaboration with the private sector and other donor governments to eliminate sex and labor slavery worldwide. This model is designed to leverage limited foreign aid dollars and galvanize tremendous support and investment from the public sector, philanthropic organizations and the private sector to focus resources responsibly where this crime is most prevalent.

Thank you for demonstrating extraordinary leadership towards making a measureable impact in reducing the prevalence of modern slavery. We are proud to stand with you in support of the *End Modern Slavery Initiative Act*, a bold and historic step toward breaking the back of modern slavery in our generation.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure this important legislation becomes law.

Sincerely,

Africa Faith & Justice Network
Armenian Orthodox Church
Auburn Seminary
Blauvelt Dominican Sisters
Bread for the World
Center on Conscience & War

Church of the Brethren, Office of Public Witness
Church World Service
Circle of Friends: Living Water for Girls
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach
Congregation of the Infant Jesus
Disciples Women
Dominican Center at Marywood
Dominican Leadership Conference
Dubuque Franciscans
Dubuque Sisters Against Human Trafficking
End Slavery Now
EPJ Fund
Franciscan Action Network
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor
Freedom For All
Freedom House
Girls Inc.
Global Alliance Interfaith Networks
Global Justice Institute
Hilton Worldwide
Human Rights First
IHM Sisters - Leadership Council
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
International Justice Mission
Jonah House
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America
Lutheran Services in America
Made in a Free World
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Medical Mission Sisters
Metropolitan Community Churches
Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity
Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
Monarch Wings Ministries
National Coalition of American Nuns
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters
Pax Christi USA
Promoter of Justice: Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids
Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Province
Rena & Mark Norcross Family Foundation
Sinsinawa Dominicans
Sisters of Charity
Sisters of St. Dominic
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Joseph-Baden
Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame American Province Peace and Justice Office

Sisters of the Holy Cross
Sisters of the Holy Family
Sojourners
Soka Gakkai International-USA (Buddhist Association)
Stop Selling Our Kids
Task Force to Eradicate Modern Slavery
TFEMS
The Episcopal Church
Trinity Health
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Truckers Against Trafficking
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
United Methodist Women Washington Office of Public Policy
United Way Worldwide
Women of Vision/World Vision
World Relief
YWCA USA