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The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) – the nation's largest professional, non-profit association representing 26,000 federal law enforcement officers from 65 agencies, I am writing in support of legislation you intend to introduce entitled the "Abolish Human Trafficking Act," which would reauthorize portions of Senator Cornyn's 2015 "Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)."

FLEOA supports this important bill because it would provide more training for law enforcement, would better equip law enforcement to serve human trafficking victims and would provide more resources to human trafficking victims. By extending the life of the Department of Justice's Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund, which is funded by fines and liens against human traffickers and predators, it will continue to provide resources to human trafficking victims and fund law enforcement anti-trafficking activities. In addition, the fund will pay restitution to victims, combat trafficking and utilize evidence-based demand reduction techniques.

FLEOA endorses the expansion of state, local, tribal and federal prosecution of human traffickers and the establishment of human trafficking coordinators in U.S. Attorneys' Offices and at the Department of Justice. We also applaud increasing awareness and prevention through improved reporting, specialized screening, better training and the authorization of a landmark study on the long-term effects of commercial sex exploitation.

FLEOA appreciates your efforts to advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information or assistance.

Respectfully,

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