March 16, 2018

Dear Senator:

As organizations and leaders in the movement to end human trafficking, we want to express our strong support for H.R. 1865, the *Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017 (FOSTA)* that now 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 bipartisan co-sponsors.

As we have stated previously, legislation to clarify Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) is urgently needed given the 1st Circuit’s ruling that even criminal conduct by a website operator is shielded by the CDA. However, we are deeply concerned that those who strongly oppose enactment of this legislation have now offered two amendments in a veiled attempt to kill this effort.

It is shameful that those who have opposed this legislation from the beginning are using this deceptive tactic to derail this package to continue to deprive survivors and their families of justice, but we hope you will see past such efforts and vote down any new amendments on this bill. The U.S. House of Representatives sent a strong message to survivors of human trafficking by passing this legislation by a vote of 388-25. Along with the public support of the SESTA-FOSTA legislation by the Administration, it is imperative that the Senate pass the House bill in its current form and oppose the two new amendments that will kill this legislation.

Every day of delay is another day where our nation’s most vulnerable children will be bought and sold online. As survivors and advocates dedicated to eradicating human trafficking, we ask for you to vote YES on this important legislation that will help ensure accountability for websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking, and we implore you to vote NO on any new amendments so we can finally get this bill enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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5. World Without Exploitation
   New York, NY
6. Enough Is Enough
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7. National Center on Sexual Exploitation
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8. Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking
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9. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
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11. The New Abolitionists
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12. ECPAT USA
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13. Consumer Watch Dog
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14. The Voices and Faces Project
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15. CSE Institute, Villanova Law
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16. Equality Now
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23. Sanctuary for Families
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25. Rising International
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26. My Life My Choice
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27. Restore NYC
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28. Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network
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29. Elijah Rising
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30. In Our Backyard
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31. Free to Thrive
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32. Houston 20
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33. Junior League of Birmingham
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36. SWLA Abolitionists
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38. Justice Restoration Center
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43. Illinois Family Action
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44. Valiant Hearts
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46. Exodus Cry
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47. Trafficking in America Task Force
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48. Awaken
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