

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, the need for legislation to clarify Section 230 of the Communication's Decency Act (CDA) is abundantly clear 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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9. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
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16. Equality Now
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28. Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network
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30. In Our Backyard
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31. Free to Thrive
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36. SWLA Abolitionists
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38. Justice Restoration Center
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39. The Samaritan Women
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68. The Landing
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69. Boundless Mercy
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70. Center for Success and Independence
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71. Camille Place
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72. Love People Not Pixels
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73. Rescue Houston
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74. #FightForUs
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75. With You In Mind
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76. Unbound
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77. Operation Texas Shield
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78. Traffick911
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79. The Houston 20
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