

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 8, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

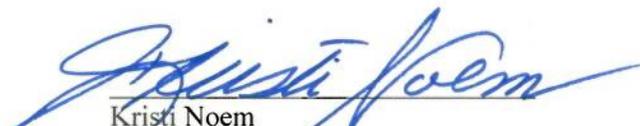
Hundreds of thousands of young children are at risk for becoming victims of sex trafficking every year in the United States. Over the past 15 years, Congress worked together in a bipartisan fashion to enact numerous laws to combat the epidemic of human trafficking. These efforts include the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) and subsequent reauthorizations.

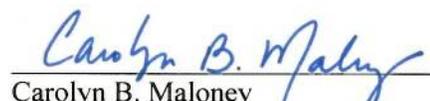
Now we have the opportunity to once again come together to enact laws to combat this horrific industry. Between May and July 2014, the House has passed a series of bipartisan bills to prevent and combat trafficking, provide support to trafficking victims, and offer additional tools to law enforcement to ensure that traffickers are brought to justice. Many of these bills were passed by suspension and with broad bipartisan support. These bills include:

- Stop Exploitation through Sex Trafficking Act (H.R. 3610/S. 1733)
- Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act (H.R. 4225)
- Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (H.R. 3530/S. 1738)
- International Megan's Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking (H.R. 4573)
- To improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking act (H.R. 5111/S. 1936)
- Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking (H.R. 5081)
- Enhancing Services for Runaway and Homeless Victims of Youth Trafficking (H.R. 5076)
- The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 4980)
- The Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2014 (H.R. 5135)
- Human Trafficking Detection Act of 2014 (H.R. 5116)
- Human Trafficking Prevention Act (H.R. 4449)
- Human Trafficking Prioritization Act (H.R. 2283)

As you work on the Senate agenda for September and the remainder of the year, we ask that you bring these bipartisan bills or companion legislation to the Senate floor for a vote. The issue of human trafficking is not a partisan one, and we believe it deserves to be made a priority in both the House and Senate. Working together, we can ensure meaningful legislation is signed into law to eradicate this disgusting industry and empower survivors. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to do all we can to put an end to human trafficking.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
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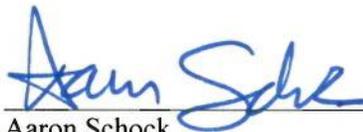
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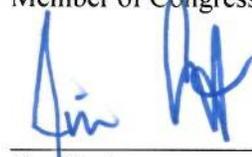
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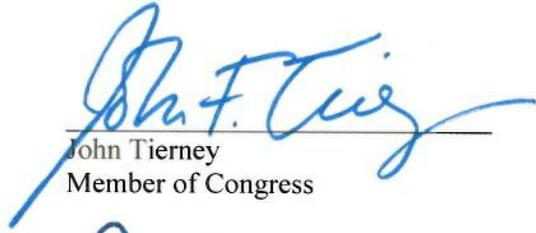
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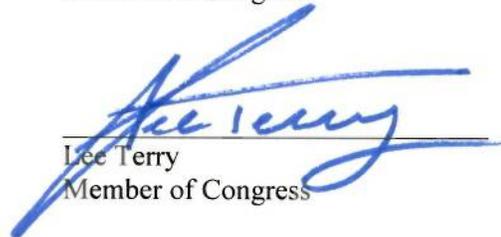
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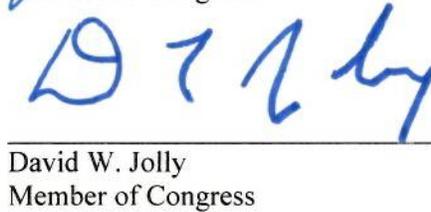
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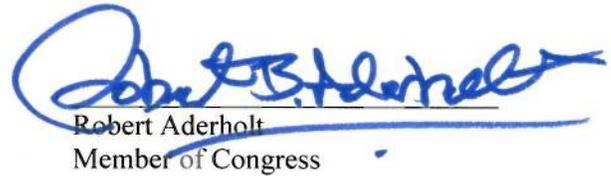
  
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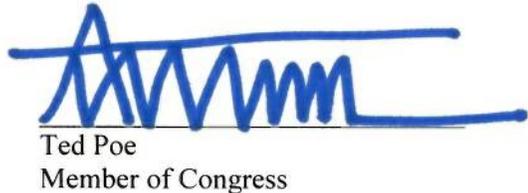
  
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