

Human Trafficking and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017



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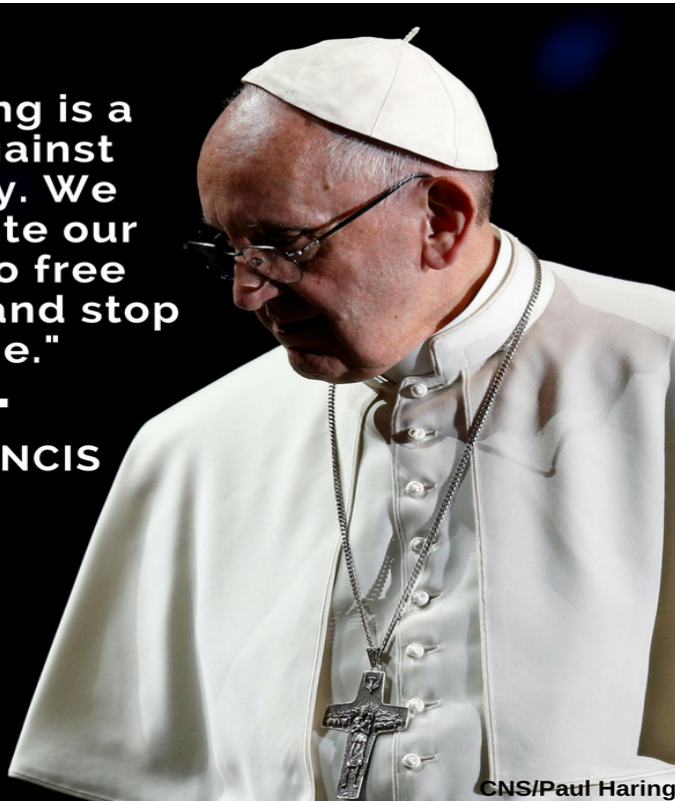
Background on Human Trafficking

- 21 million victims worldwide
- Some estimate that 17,500 individuals trafficked across U.S. borders each year
- Migrants are particularly vulnerable
- Victim identification, access to services, and reintegration are key challenges
- Legal relief is available for foreign-born victims who meet certain criteria

Catholic Social Teaching

“Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime.”

POPE FRANCIS



CNS/Paul Haring

- Trafficking contravenes basic human dignity
- Priority issue for the Catholic Church
- Pope Francis has called trafficking a “scourge upon the body of Christ” and a “crime against humanity”

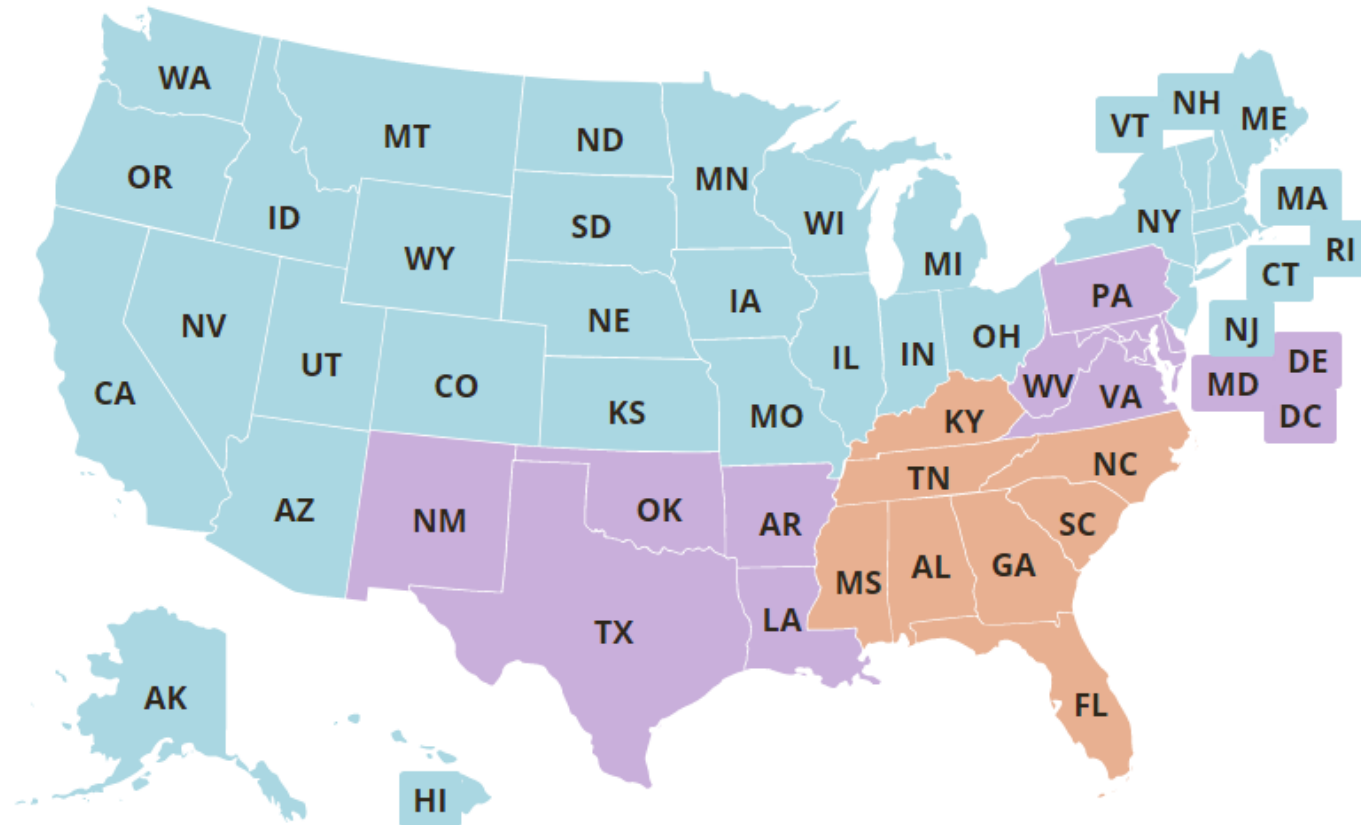
USCCB/MRS Anti-Trafficking Initiatives

- Serving Foreign-born Survivors
 - Cooperative Agreement with Health and Human Services
 - Provide case management services
 - Needs assessment
 - Service coordination
 - Financial assistance
 - Help obtaining housing
 - Referral to an attorney
 - Assistance enrolling for benefits and obtaining food, clothing, and medical care

USCCB/MRS Anti-Trafficking Initiatives

LEGEND

- Tapestri, Inc.
- U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)



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USCCB/MRS Anti-Trafficking Initiatives cont'd

- Educational Efforts
 - Amistad Movement
 - Anti-trafficking prevention and victim identification capacity for immigrant communities
 - Become a SHEPHERD
 - Educate parishioners and the public on human trafficking from a Catholic perspective
 - Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita
 - National day of prayer for victims and survivors of human trafficking
- Coalition Building
 - COMPASS Initiative
 - Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea
 - Strengthen the coordination and capacity of the Catholic Church's response to maritime trafficking and supply chain transparency
 - CCOAHT
 - Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking

TVPA History

- Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)
 - Pub. L. No. 106- 386
 - Signed into law in 2000
- Reauthorized in 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2013
- Establishes methods to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and protect survivors

TVPA History Cont'd

- Establishes, in part:
 - Human trafficking offenses as federal crimes;
 - Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons;
 - T visa;
 - New systems to gather and report human trafficking data;
 - Enhanced criminal sanctions against traffickers; and
 - A system to allow for all “unaccompanied alien children” be screened as potential victims of human trafficking.

TVPA Reauthorization

- Current authorization is set to expire at end of FY'17
 - Opportunity to expand current protections and services
- H.R. 2200 - the “Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017”
 - Introduced April 27, 2017
 - 15 cosponsors
- Referred to:
 - Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Oversight and Government Reform; Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Armed Services; Education and the Workforce

H.R. 2200 - Key Provisions

- Human Trafficking Survivor Reintegration
- Eliminating Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery from Government Supply Chains
- Monitoring Child, Forced and Slave Labor

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2200

To reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. BASS, Mr. ROYCE of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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What's Next?

- H.R. 2200 expected to be considered on House floor this summer.
- Senate versions of TVPRA:
 - Still being drafted and negotiated
 - Sen. Grassley
 - Sen. Cornyn
 - Expect introduction in coming weeks
- Work to keep TVPRA free of controversial provisions:
 - Immigration issues
 - UAC issues

House Trafficking Week

- H.R. 2473 – Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2017
 - Rep. Wagner
 - May 16, 2017
- H.R. 1370 – Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017
 - Rep. McCaul
 - March 6, 2017
- H.R. 1625 – Targeted Rewards for the Global Eradication of Human Trafficking (TARGET) Act
 - Rep. Royce
 - March 20, 2017
- All three passed House

What Can You Do?

- **Watch the JFI website for advocacy efforts around the TVPA reauthorization bills:**
 - <https://JusticeforImmigrants.org>
- **Host an Educational Event:**
 - Review our toolkit for suggestions: <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/upload/Final-Trafficking-Toolkit-2017.pdf>
- **Become a SHEPHERD:**
 - Email MRSShepherd@usccb.org to request the SHEPHERD toolkit
- **Learn how to be a responsible consumer:**
 - Slavery Footprint: <http://slaveryfootprint.org/>
 - U.S. Department of Labor (List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor): <https://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/>
 - U.S. Department of Labor (Sweat & Toil): <https://www.dol.gov/dol/apps/ilab.htm>
 - CRS (Ethical Trade): <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>