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**Brian A. Gallagher**  
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To Members of Congress:

On behalf of one of the world's largest privately funded charities, operating in communities across the United States and in 41 countries worldwide, I am writing to urge you to reach a bipartisan compromise on human trafficking legislation being considered in the U.S. Senate.

Human trafficking is one of the greatest under-addressed issues of our time. It undermines opportunity for all and affects every corner of the earth, from rural to urban areas, regardless of a nation's wealth. Human trafficking victims are men and women, boys and girls, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals. They are people exploited in fields and factories, brothels and motels, in fishing boats and mines. While slavery is illegal in every country in the world, cases of forced labor and sex trafficking are found in countries all around the world, including the United States.

As you know, several bipartisan pieces of legislation were recently introduced in the U.S. Senate, specifically the *End Modern Slavery Act*, *Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Act*, *Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act* and *Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act*. These would go a long way towards addressing the needs of human trafficking victims around the world. At a moment when the health, economic security and safety of the 21 million victims is already compromised, we cannot afford to delay supports and programs that combat human trafficking in the U.S. and around the world.

As Congress considers a path forward for anti-trafficking legislation, I respectfully request that you put politics aside and craft a bipartisan common-sense solution. While our country engages in robust debates and strong differences of opinion on many important issues affecting federal legislation, we ask that you consider the damage that could occur to victims of trafficking in the United States and globally if Congress does not act to pass legislation that scales the response to egregious abuses of children and vulnerable adults.

We urge Congressional Leadership, and each and every U.S. Senator, to reach across the aisle and work together to move forward legislation that protects and serves the needs of survivors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian A. Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.