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Dear Chairman Corker, Chairman Royce, and Ranking Members Senator Cardin and Rep. Engel:

On behalf of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW), Exodus Cry, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Shared Hope International, and the undersigned organizations and individuals, we write to express our strong support for bipartisan HR 466 “Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act,” its inclusion in the House version of the Trafficking Victim’s Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA), and its inclusion in the Senate version of the international TVPRA.

Combating the crime of human trafficking has been named a top priority by the United States Government (USG).¹ Emphasis has been placed on prevention of human trafficking, prosecution of perpetrators, and protection of victims. Prosecution and protection are unquestionably important; however, *prevention* of human trafficking is essential in order to eradicate the crime. The international community, scholars, NGOs, International Organizations, human trafficking experts, and other governments have all recognized that one of the most critical components of preventing human trafficking from occurring is reducing the demand for trafficked persons.²

HR 466’s language specifically addresses the need to prevent sex trafficking, a form of sexual exploitation that affects an estimated 4.5 million victims globally,³ by reducing the demand for commercial sex.

Research demonstrates that the legalization and decriminalization models of prostitution increase the market for commercial sex and thereby increase the demand for prostituted persons, thus increasing rates of human trafficking.⁴ In contrast, economic theory supported by case studies proves that reducing demand for commercial sex by criminalizing the purchase of sexual services reduces the market for sex and thereby reduces trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation.⁵ Internationally, there is ever-increasing support for criminalizing demand.⁶ The USG has been clear and consistent on its position regarding the importance of demand reduction and has specifically taken a strong stance against legalizing prostitution. The government has done so because it recognizes that prostitution fuels human trafficking and creates an enabling environment for it to flourish.⁷ Both Democratic and Republican administrations have reaffirmed in multiple national policies, publications, and in statements and directives the government's position against legal prostitution.⁸ The TIP Office itself has produced research demonstrating the clear connections between legalized prostitution regimes and increased demand fueling sex trafficking.⁹

Despite the USG's clear position in support of commercial sex demand reduction, this critical stance is not being implemented in the State Department's annual Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP) report to Congress, even though making "serious and sustained efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex"¹⁰ is a specific requirement for meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking in persons. Unfortunately, the TVPA has no clear guidelines on what constitutes compliance with the demand reduction criterion or how this important criterion is to be measured. This lack of clarity has created an opportunity for diplomatic expediency taking precedence over effective reporting. Provisions included in H.R. 466 remedy this problem by setting a straightforward standard for determining what constitutes legitimate demand reduction efforts.

Because legal prostitution fuels human trafficking, nations that have the ability to federally regulate prostitution, and maintain the legality of the purchase of sex, are not simply neutral in meeting the criteria mandated by the TVPA of making serious and sustained efforts to reduce demand for commercial sex, but are actually making serious and sustained efforts to *increase* that demand. Nevertheless, the State Department continues year after year to ignore this fact and award full compliance in the TIP Report to nations that allow for the uninhibited purchase of sex. The lack of rigor and quality in addressing demand in the TIP Report is having negative consequences on the prevention of human trafficking around the globe and inhibits progress that could be made if proper evaluation and reporting were taking place. HR 466 creates a simple solution by making the criminalization of the purchase of sex a requirement for meeting the TVPA's criterion of "making serious and sustained efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex."

By including language from bipartisan HR 466 in the TVPRA, major steps can be made with regard

to preventing global sex trafficking because countries will be encouraged to take meaningful and concrete steps to reduce the demand for commercial sex. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Laila Mickelwait, Exodus Cry's Director of Abolition at 951-990-9960 or e-mail lailamickelwait@exoduscry.com

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1 "When we stop this crime from happening in the first place, we are preventing the abuse of those who are victimized as well as the ripple effect that caused damage throughout communities into our broader environment and which corrupt our global supply chains. We all have an interest in stopping this crime. That's why President Obama is so focused on this issue. And that's why, as Secretary of State, I will continue to make the fight against modern-day slavery a priority for this Department and for the country." Secretary of State John Kerry. Remarks at the 2013 Trafficking in Persons Report Release. Benjamin Franklin Room, Washington, D.C. 19 June 2013. Address.

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In 2012 researchers Seo-Young Cho, Axel Dreher, Eric Neumayer published their research findings that demonstrated "the scale effect of legalizing prostitution leads to an expansion of the prostitution market and thus an increase in human trafficking, while the substitution effect reduces demand for trafficked prostitutes by favoring prostitutes who have legal residence in a country." Their quantitative empirical analysis for a cross section of up to 150 countries proved that the scale effect dominated the substitution effect. "On average, countries with legalized prostitution experience a larger degree of human trafficking inflows." In addition, in 2005 Di Nicola et al. provided descriptive statistics focusing on 11 EU countries. According to their results, stricter prostitution laws are correlated with reduced flows of human trafficking. In addition to Cho et al. and Di Nicola et al., researchers Niklas Jakobsson and Andreas Kotsadam found a causal link between legal prostitution and increases in human trafficking. Using recent sources of European cross country data Jakobsson and Kotsadam found that trafficking of persons for commercial sexual exploitation is least prevalent in countries where prostitution is illegal and most prevalent in countries where prostitution is legalized.

5 Ibid

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