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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael T. McCaul
Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Affairs
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Dear Chairman and Representative McCaul,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 295, the "End Banking for Human Traffickers Act."


This bill would simply add the Secretary of the Treasury as a member of the President's Interagency Task Force, creating another tool in the effort to prevent traffickers from exploiting the most vulnerable members of our society. This Interagency Task Force will submit recommendations to Congress detailing necessary legislative adjustments to improve the current system. We know individuals that participate in human trafficking are becoming more evasive and efficient. Therefore, Congress must provide better resources and improved strategies to combat these traffickers.

In addition, your legislation requires the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council to review, update and enhance procedures to improve the ability to merge anti-money laundering efforts with the fight to combat human trafficking.

Finally, this will allow the U.S. State Department's Trafficking in Persons Report to require a country-by-country assessment to better combat state funded human trafficking.

On behalf of the more than 345,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, we believe this bill will make our country safe and protect the most vulnerable in our society. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Executive Director, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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