

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____:

As a member of Presbyterian Women (PW) of the National Capital Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), I strongly urge you to advocate and vote for S. 1311 and S. 1312, pending legislation concerning the elimination of human trafficking and the protection of its victims. Ending violence against women and children has long been a goal of all PW members, and to that end we speak out here against the horrors of modern-day slavery.

Presbyterian Women support the provisions of section 10 of S. 1311, which would emphasize that those who patronize or solicit a commercial sex act with a child should be prosecuted as federal criminal offenders, as well as the enhanced penalties that measure would provide. We also support S. 1312, which would ensure that needed services are provided to those in need. Passing these two bills **B**or one that combines all of these measures **B**would make a significant difference in the fight against trafficking in this country and establish the United States in a leadership role. This is a fight we can and must win, for the benefit of all children and adults who have survived trafficking or are at risk of being trafficked.

I join my sisters in PW to ask for your support of these two pending bills, and ask that you continue to seek every possible opportunity and action with which we can stop human trafficking and to punish those who engage in it. I appreciate your attention, and hope that you will act to protect and assist these vulnerable members of our society.

Sincerely,