

## **End Modern-Slavery Act**

**Issue**      *Current initiatives and programs targeting human trafficking and modern-day slavery only provide fragmented solutions and lack proper integration and coordination.*

- According to the recent [UNODC report](#), at least 12.3 million people in the world are victims of forced labor, of which a minimum of 2.45 million are modern-day slaves due to trafficking in persons.
- The [International Labor Organization](#) estimates that human trafficking nets close to \$32 billion in profits for criminal gangs while forced labor and other forms of modern-day slavery contribute to untold profits for corrupt employers around the world.
- The federal government's current approach to human trafficking, forced labor, and other forms of modern-day slavery is comprised of numerous initiatives within several agencies. Unfortunately, these programs and efforts are spread throughout the federal government and require coordination to maximize their effectiveness.

**Solution**      *The End Modern-Day Slavery Act would develop a comprehensive, national action plan to ensure greater effectiveness in interagency cooperation, the allocation of resources, and the distribution of information.*

- The End Modern-Day Slavery Act would target this weakness in the federal government's approach. It would direct the Interagency Task Force, a State Department entity created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to develop a comprehensive national action plan within a year of its enactment.
- The action plan would ensure coordination amongst the relevant federal and foreign agencies.
- It would include specific suggestions for (a) assisting victims, (b) investigating and prosecuting trafficking-related crimes, (c) conducting research and collecting data, (d) training personnel from participating agencies, (e) engaging with private organizations, and (f) implementing Federal laws and regulations already in place.

## **Partnering to Abolish Child Trafficking (PACT) Act**

**Issue**      *While the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) has helped fight human trafficking across the globe, too many children still endure modern day slavery at the hands of traffickers.*

- 27% of all human trafficking victims are children, up from 20% in the early 2000's according to a [recent report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#) (UNODC).
- [According to UNICEF](#), about 2 million children are exploited for prostitution and pornography worldwide.
- Many governments do not provide reliable data on the incidence of trafficking in their countries.
- [The UNODC found](#) that as of 2012, more than 60 countries had not enacted legislation criminalizing human trafficking.

**Solution**      *The PACT Act would help protect children across the globe from the dangers of trafficking by amending the TVPA to allow for congressional oversight over Child Protection Compacts.*

- Child Protection Compacts are agreements made with other nations that aim to end child trafficking but lack adequate resources.
- The PACT Act would require the State Department to present an annual report to Congress, with information regarding:
  - Existing child protection compacts
  - Criteria for countries with which we may enter into a compact
  - Assistance provided as part of these compacts
- This amendment would ensure that the State Department is enforcing existing compacts, dispensing monetary assistance responsibly, and making careful choices about potential compact partners.
- This increased accountability would make efforts to combat trafficking more efficient and would help lower rates of child trafficking and slavery worldwide.