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Fact Sheet on the TVPRA

“Reauthorizing the Trafficking Victims Protection Act is critical in view of the fact that it reapproves and enhances vital programs that address Human Trafficking. HR 6552, named the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 (FD TVPRA), needs to be voted on by Congress expeditiously. As a nation we can not continue to improve our efforts to combat this modern enslavement without the prevention tools, educational trainings, and agency grants listed in HR 6552 that reflect the needs for prevention, protection, and prosecution to combat human trafficking domestically and abroad.” - Kristi Wells, Safe House Project CEO

- This bill is a five-year reauthorization (2022 through 2026) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, which expired September 30, 2021.
- Authored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA), and introduced with Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) with clear support on both sides of the aisles.
- Passed unanimously, without amendments, through the House Foreign Affairs Committee February 9, 2022 and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- Authorizes a total of approximately \$1 billion for FY 2022 through 2026, to continue currently enacted appropriation and authorization levels for successful anti-trafficking programs.
- Extends the authority of the U.S Advisory Council on Human Trafficking until 2031 (est. 2015) which provides a formal platform for trafficking survivors to advise and make recommendations on federal anti-trafficking policies.
- Authorizes HHS to enter into cooperative agreements with nongovernmental service providers to offer social services for trafficking survivors that assist victims with attaining life-skills, employment, and education necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.
- It allows existing HHS grants to continue to train elementary and secondary school teachers, children, and trainers in the recognition, response, and prevention of child trafficking.
- Standardizes reporting by State agencies to law enforcement and NCMEC for the safe recovery of a missing child.
- Calls on State child welfare agencies to prioritize and implement protocols to report information on missing and abducted children to ensure that data collection, prevention, and care are provided to victims of child trafficking in the child welfare system.
- Extends authorization for the Secretary of State to award competitive grants through 2026.
- Expands prevention efforts at USAID to ensure program delivery is age-appropriate, linguistically accessible, culturally responsive, and survivor and trauma informed.
- Requires sex offenders to continue to have passport identifiers and register as sex offenders when entering into the U.S.
- Extends authorization of the International Megan’s Law through 2026 to prevent child exploitation and other sexual crimes through advanced notification of traveling sex offenders which expired in 2021.