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Dear

I write as your constituent to urge you to work towards increasing funds for the implementation of the anti-trafficking law. In 2007, New York legislators took a big step by prioritizing human trafficking. This legislation makes sex trafficking a class B felony, labor trafficking a class D felony, and increases the availability of services to victims. Human trafficking is undoubtedly an issue in New York State. New York is consistently named as one of the top cities that traffickers use as a point of entry into the United States, a transit location, and as a final destination for victims.

NOW- NYC has estimated that in order to enforce legislation that criminalizes trafficking and provide necessary services for victims we must have a budget of \$15 -20 million. We need a budget that can sustain law enforcement and tracking. Yet, the 2008-2009 Executive Budget has allocated only \$450,000, which is insufficient.

It is imperative that this law receives more funds, so it can be implemented successfully. As your constituent, I urge you to support this law by proposing an increase funds in order to effectively address the problem of human trafficking in New York.

Sincerely,