

# **ACTION ALERT, May 8 – Stop human trafficking now**

Your immediate action could save the lives of Iowa's daughters.

Human trafficking is more widespread in Iowa than most people realize. Our Interstate system and truck-stop network make Iowa fertile ground for this heinous crime. Just this week, [CBS reported](#) the case of an Iowa girl kidnapped, drugged, tortured, and forced into a prostitution ring halfway across the country.

Now a bill to combat these crimes is being considered in joint committee in the Iowa Legislature. But this critical piece of legislation is hanging by a thread and is in danger of being tabled as this session comes to a close.

Yet if we act together now, we can make a difference in the lives of countless girls and boys!

## **What can I do?**

We are urging you to send just one email, but *do it now*. By following the steps below, you can contact the governor's office, legislative leaders, and the 10 members of the joint committee all at once – yet this weekend is critical, as the bill's fate will likely be decided Monday, May 11, or immediately thereafter.

Send just one email to the key people who hold this legislation in their hands. Your voice could determine whether or not law enforcement officers get the funding they need to rescue Iowa boys and girls and stop human traffickers now.

## **Here's how**

Three steps:

1. Draft an email to Gov. Terry Branstad through his office at [margaret.hough@iowa.gov](mailto:margaret.hough@iowa.gov).

2. Then, copy and paste the following list of email addresses into the carbon copy or "cc" box of that same email:

mike.gronstal@legis.iowa.gov; robert.dvorsky@legis.iowa.gov;  
thomas.courtney@legis.iowa.gov; rob.hogg@legis.iowa.gov;  
rich.taylor@legis.iowa.gov; julian.garrett@legis.iowa.gov;  
mark.chelgren@legis.iowa.gov; kraig.paulsen@legis.iowa.gov;  
chuck.soderberg@legis.iowa.gov; gary.worthan@legis.iowa.gov;  
Darrel.Branhagen@legis.iowa.gov; chris.hagenow@legis.iowa.gov;  
todd.taylor@legis.iowa.gov; marti.anderson@legis.iowa.gov

3. Include a simple, urgent plea, such as the following sample text, in the body of the email, and hit send. It's that simple. But by following through now, the next boy or girl you save could be someone you know.

*Dear Iowa leader,*

*As a fellow Iowan, I am urging you to fully fund needed efforts to stop human trafficking in Iowa.*

*The bill being considered in joint committee right now, SF 497, will help save the lives of Iowa sons and daughters.*

*PLEASE, don't let this session close without passing this critical piece of legislation. What priority could be more important than protecting and defending the lives of our children from those who would kidnap and horribly abuse them?*

*Sincerely and with great respect,*

*[name]*

*[city], Iowa*

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