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Dear Friend of trafficking victims,

Thank you for coming to “In Plain Sight” on Saturday, and for contacting us about follow-up!

As I mentioned Saturday, the good news is that we have legislative leaders who know that more must be done; the challenge for them is to convince their colleagues to re-prioritize scarce tax dollars to hire more human trafficking investigators, analysts, and trainers, while cutting (or not increasing much) other, less-important state programs.

For now, I encourage you to simply THANK the following legislators who are leading the charge, and offer your help in contacting any of their colleagues who may be reluctant to join their efforts.

You can email Senators Kinney, Petersen and Courtney at:

Kevin.kinney@legis.iowa.gov; janet.petersen@legis.iowa.gov;
Tom.courtney@legis.iowa.gov

The proper greeting is “Dear Senator [last name],”. You can send 3 separate emails, or combine them in one email.

Since they get LOTS of emails, and are already on our side, just be friendly, heart-felt, to the point, and fairly brief. If you’re not good at spelling or punctuation, write them anyway, but have someone proof it before you send it—they’ll accord a good letter more weight than a sloppy one; or call instead. Their # is 515-281-3371 (Senate switchboard).

Here’s a sample email, but please personalize it:

Dear Senators Kinney, Petersen, and Courtney,

I was recently told of your leadership in trying to end human

trafficking in Iowa. THANK YOU!! I am VERY concerned about this growing crisis because...(share your heart here).

I believe we must deal with these horrific crimes swiftly and forcefully, before any more victims have to suffer through this modern-day slavery and abuse. Please continue the fight for more investigators, analysts, and trainers, so the perpetrators can be prosecuted, and Iowa will become known as the LAST place traffickers want to be. Then other states can do likewise.

Please let me know if I can help persuade any other key legislators who may not see this as an extremely high priority yet, or if I can help in other ways.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Phone #

This will be an easy first step. I'll check with them by early next week on the progress of their bill, and depending on where the hold-ups are, if any, I'll let you know next steps. For those of you who want to make a personal visit to the Capitol, I'll do my best to make your trip VERY timely and worthwhile. It means A LOT to show up in person.

Session is due to be over at the end of next month, so it won't be long before we will know the results. Let's hang in there for the next several weeks, and pray and work to end human trafficking in Iowa!!

If you have questions, or get replies from the legislators with specific ideas of ways to help, let me know at Chuck@thefamilyleader.com, and I'll address them in my next memo to all of you. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Chuck Hurley

515-238-9167 (cell)

“All it takes for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing,” John Stuart Mill;

“When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle,” Edmund Burke.