

H.R. 507 : Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2019



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Introduced and supported and co-sponsored by House representatives:

- Karen Bass (Sponsor)
- Rep. Ann Wagner Representative for Missouri's 2nd District
- Rep. Steve Cohen Representative for Tennessee's 9th District
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick Representative for Pennsylvania's 1st District
- Rep. Yvette Clarke Representative for New York's 9th District .
- Rep. David Cicilline Representative for Rhode Island's 1st District
- Rep. Richard Hudson Representative for North Carolina's 8th District
- Sylvia Garcia Representative for Texas 29th District



What Does It Do?

- The bill seeks to protect victims of sex trafficking from further exploitation.
- The primary goal of this policy is to cease human trafficking and ensure the safety of victims.
- The individuals and groups who benefit greatly from this program are those who have been trafficked and those who are providing services.

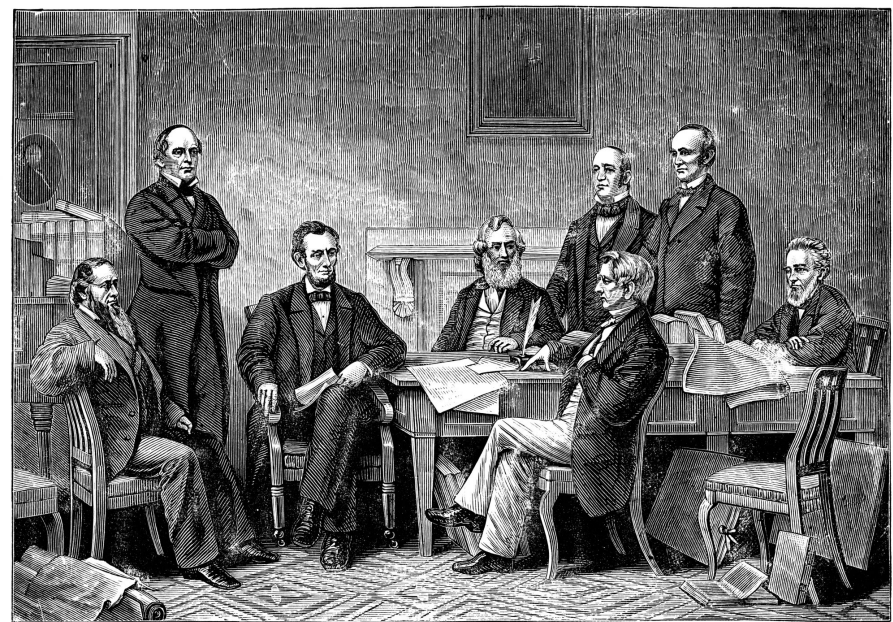


Historical Context: The Social Worker Environment



Historical Context: 19th - 21st Century

- Slavery was formally abolished in 1863 by the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation
- Human Trafficking can be likened to modern day slavery
- Trafficking is not bound by race, gender, socioeconomic background, or religion. Policies have been implemented which attempt to slow or stop trafficking altogether
- Outreach methods have begun to include: social media, roadside campaigns, and educational programs



SIGNING THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

Human Statistics

40.3 Million victims
globally

- 81% in Forced Labor
- 25% Children
- 75% Women and Girls



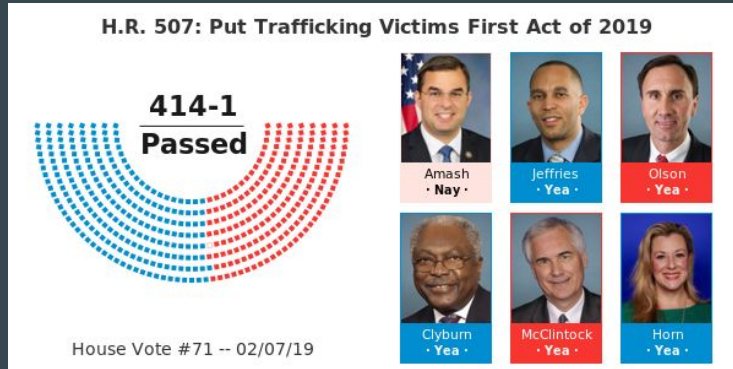
Financial Statistics

\$150 billion
industry worldwide



Updates on H.R. 507: Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2019

- The bill was passed in the House on February 7, 2019 and is going to the Senate next for consideration.



- This was a vote to pass H.R. 507 in the House . This vote was taken under a House procedure called “suspension of the rules” which is typically used to pass non-controversial bills. Votes under suspension require a 2/3rds majority. A failed vote under suspension can be taken again.

Democratic Votes- 225 - Yes
Republican Votes- 189- Yes
Republican Votes- 1- No

Advocacy Plan :

Focus & Target Population

- To reach federal and state legislators, and inform them of the much needed services for survivors of human trafficking.
- Tennessee and Federal legislators.
(Politicians/Lobbyist)



WE SEE



YOU!



WE HEAR




CHATTANOOGA
EYES & EARS:
YOU MATTER

Supports/Partners

- Food Banks
- Housing Authority
- Farms
- Optometrists/Vision Care Specialist
- Animal Shelters

Proposed Goal

To address the mental health needs of individuals who have or are currently being trafficked for commercial purposes.



**Our main goal in life
is to help others.
If you are not
able to help them,
then at least do
not harm**

Change:

1. mental health services be provided for a 6 month period
2. prolonged medical care
3. housing resources
4. opportunity to find stable employment.

Opposition:

may come in the form of lobbyists and the natural political cycle.

We Need Your Help!

Join Chattanooga's local initiatives who help put an end to human trafficking



Follow our instagram page to find ways you can volunteer in the community

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