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Urge the House of Representatives to Pass Senate Bill 1950

Dear

State,

Massachusetts is only one of five states without anti-human trafficking laws. It is a heinous crime that disproportionately disrupts the immigrant community, and victims often face the double stigma of being exploited and undocumented. Earlier this year the House passed a version of anti-trafficking legislation, and now thanks to your efforts the Senate has passed a comprehensive anti-trafficking bill (S.1950). The Senate bill addresses all three aspects of human trafficking: supply, demand, and victim services. We want the House to pass the Senate's bill, which is the most complete, including victim services provisions necessary to the safety of victims and for the law enforcement efforts against offenders. A conference committee on Senate Bill 1950 risks watering down victim services provisions. Call your House member TODAY and ask them to pass the entire Senate Bill 1950 so that Massachusetts can address human trafficking on all levels.

Download the factsheet
Action Needed:
Support victim rights and assistance: call your State Representative to vote 'YES' on Senate Bill 1950 (Redraft of S.820).
Click 'act now' below, or call the State House switchboard: 617-722-2000.

Tell your Representative to adopt S.1950 because -
" Victim services will protect those most vulnerable to exploitation.
" Victim services are necessary to successful prosecutions of traffickers, because it provides supports necessary for victims to come forward, and the stability for them to participate in a trial.
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