



California Against Slavery

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Dear Pastor/Church Leader,

Human trafficking is an issue that people are becoming aware of more and more. After looking at the atrocities of this issue, a small group of believers decided we had to do something. As a result, California Against Slavery (CAS) was formed. CAS is working to place a proposition on the November California ballot that will strengthen current human trafficking laws. The initiative is posted on our web site at www.CaliforniaAgainstSlavery.org. We are asking churches to join with us.

This petition will include the following:

- Increased jail time of traffickers
- Increase victim's rights
- Distribution of trafficker's forfeited assets/fines to victim's services/organizations
- Mandatory 2-hour human trafficking training for law enforcement officers

We are an organization that recognizes human trafficking* exists in the United States – at least 100,000 enslaved and 17,000 people are brought in to the U.S. as human trafficking victims every year. California is a hot spot because of its international borders, economy, ports, and metropolitan areas.

Why should believers be involved? What we know to be true is that God loves us and desires us to love others. Sometimes that love requires action. We see the trafficking victims as those who are the "least of these" (Matt 25:45). They have no hope and they desperately need love and rescue. We believe that the Church is the last hope for these victims. It is only through God's mercy and power that slavery will be ended.

Signing the petition is the *easiest* way for believers to help rescue victims, and yet it has such a powerful wide spreading impact. It's not political; it's not about candidates or party agendas. It is about justice.

Would you consider hosting a signing event at your church or have someone come speak at your church about human trafficking? Is there someone in your church who would work with us in informing your congregation and gathering signatures, such as a justice or social issues group? If so, please contact us at fremont@californiaagainstsavery.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,

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