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Dear *Starbucks* Manager

California Against Slavery would like to ask permission to collect signatures outside of your door from those who are customers.

This petition will place on the ballot a proposition that will strengthen human trafficking laws in California. It includes 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

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, large economy, ports, and metropolitan regions. We are greatly concerned for all victims, and especially concerned about the exploitation of children.

We recognize that *Starbucks* purchases Fair Trade Coffee. Not only does this provide a fair price to farmers, it also emphasizes that Fair Trade farmers do not use child slave labor to farm and harvest the coffee. We greatly appreciate this.

Since *Starbucks* and *California Against Slavery* relate in this important area, we are asking *Starbucks* across California to work with us on this important initiative by allowing us to gather signatures so that people can vote on something that will help lead to ending slavery in California.

Thank you,

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**Human Trafficking is not smuggling. It is the exploitation of women, children and men for money. It includes those sexually exploited through prostitution, forced labor and services.*