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A Scourge Against Humanity: Addressing Human Trafficking at Mass Gatherings Hearing
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Dear Chairman McCaul, and Members of the Task Force:

Thank you to the Members of this critical Task Force and to Chairman Michael McCaul. I am honored to be here today to testify about the Scourge Against Humanity: Addressing Human Trafficking at Mass Gatherings. I am representing No Trafficking Zone, Inc (NTZ) and all the victims and survivors just like me. I pray my testimony will help you understand how and why money, power, control and lack of truth of this sophisticated crime are imposing destruction and brokenness throughout our nation. The annual global profits from forced labour and forced sexual exploitation have risen to over an estimated \$236 billion. Today, I will highlight the devastating effects human trafficking has on its millions of victims and their families, as well as the human heart and soul. I also want to focus on the contributing factors, indicators, and intersections of increased human trafficking during mass gatherings and special events including but not limited to: FIFA World Cup, the Super Bowl, and the Olympics.

NTZ is a non-partisan, non-profit whose mission is to prevent, combat, and eradicate human trafficking by creating no trafficking zones throughout the world. This takes survivor-led solutions, unity, mobilization, trauma informed training, collaboration, intelligence gathering and dissemination, legislation, and victim centered education.

No Trafficking Zone dismantles human trafficking by breaking it down into identifiable markets, building and informing operational models and task forces that implement tangible, real-world solutions.

One of those major markets sits at the intersection of sports, entertainment, and sex and labor trafficking.

NRG Park's Commitment to Preventing and Combatting Trafficking

In 2020, the NTZ Game Over Initiative was launched at NRG Park in Houston, Texas, the busiest stadium and sports and entertainment complex in America, hosting more than six million visitors annually.

NRG Park became the first certified No Trafficking Zone sports and entertainment venue in the world.

Today, NRG Park includes:

- Updated Survivor-led signage was recently unveiled throughout the venue in both English and Spanish
- NTZ first created and embedded a human trafficking response team and resources inside stadium operations including but not limited to: Houston Texan's home games, the NCAA Championships, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
- Active coordination with local, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement partners.
- Direct collaboration with NRG Park security teams during large events.

This NTZ Game Over Initiative model turns a stadium and massive event venue from a passive location into an active deterrence and response vs reactive environment to prevent and combat human trafficking in all its forms. NTZ is also training other states and sports stadiums to become No Trafficking Zones.

Alongside our National Survivor Led Sports Committee, No Trafficking Zone is honored to partner and work closely with our incredible impact partners such as: HIDTA, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HSI, DEA, Child ID/ Amber Alerts, US Marshalls, and the FBI.

Building Task Forces and Coordinating with HIDTA

No Trafficking Zone does not operate in isolation. We help build and support multi-agency task forces that bring together local, state, and federal partners to dismantle organized crime and transnational networks.

NTZ serves as the Human Trafficking Coordinator for Houston HIDTA, a High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force that integrates local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. This coordination allows trafficking to be targeted alongside drug trafficking, gang activity, and money laundering rather than in silos.

Through the Game Over Initiative, NTZ works directly with HIDTA intelligence analysts who track trafficking trends surrounding major games and events, and movement patterns. Earlier this month, our analysts tracked over 600+ live illicit sex advertisements during a local NFL game.

By merging HIDTA's intelligence capabilities with survivor-informed field operations and venue security, trafficking pipelines can be identified and disrupted in real time.

What the Data and Survivors Teach Us at Large Events and Sports—Sex and Labor Trafficking Intersection

National hotline data and law enforcement reporting consistently show increases in forced labor procurement and sex trafficking activity surrounding major sporting events and mass gatherings.

These factors include but are not limited to:

- Spikes in online sex advertisements timed to games, tournaments, and large events.
- Increased movement of victims through hotels, rideshares, parking infrastructure, and entertainment districts.
- Elevated risk for minors, particularly through online grooming and peer-on-peer recruitment including through social media.
- Construction projects and vendors for stadiums and event venues or infrastructure upgrades may involve migrant or temporary labor subject to coercion or exploitative conditions.

These patterns confirm what survivors and investigators know: sports and entertainment venues are a trafficking market that requires intentional intervention and oversight at all levels.

National and International Recognition

The NTZ Game Over Initiative has received national recognition, including an award this year from the NFL Alumni Association and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, bestowed to our unwavering and fearless CEO Jacquelyn Aluotto.

NTZ also serves on the FIFA Human Rights Committee in Houston, Texas, where we are actively training law enforcement and partners in preparation for FIFA events.

In addition, No Trafficking Zone has presented this stadium model to the White House and the Department of Homeland Security, where we were asked whether the model could be replicated nationally.

Survivor Leadership as a Public Safety Strategy

Survivor leadership is embedded into every NTZ model. Survivors understand grooming, coercion, recruitment, and movement patterns better than anyone else and that traditional security models often miss.

Survivors are not stories or just statistics. They are strategic experts whose insight strengthens prevention, identification, and response.

My Personal Testimony and Survivor Story

I myself went from being sex trafficked by a romeo and guerrilla pimp during the February 2017 Super Bowl in NRG Park's parking lot and surrounding hotels, to working with NTZ and the HCSO Task Force at NRG Park to combat the very crime that once ensnared me. I've had the privilege of working with the White House and Members of Congress, training and educating thousands across the country, and now sit before you today to put a face to this crime and remind you why we do what we do.

Victims of sex trafficking, including myself, come face to face with some of the darkest and most corrupt and demon-possessed individuals imaginable, violent offenders, buyers of the most vulnerable, including children, pedophiles, kidnappers, murderers, and psychopaths. In trafficking, you see the depth of evil and terror human beings are capable of inflicting on one another.

One heartbreaking incident I will never forget occurred just hours after I physically ran for my life following nearly three years of being trafficked. I was reunited with my family. As surreal as that moment was, I remember seeing my dad running toward me in the airport terminal, only for him to run right past me. He did not recognize his own daughter. I was so severely emaciated and badly injured that I was truly unrecognizable.

Less than two weeks later, I met one of the most remarkable leaders and fathers who had been searching for me and praying for my safe return home: Congressman Michael McCaul. I went from being one of his constituents to being groomed and sex trafficked from my high school in his district. I will never forget Congressman McCaul and my angel Larissa Plunto coming to check on me, sitting with me, talking with me, and listening to me for hours at my childhood church. He can attest to both my profound physical and psychological scars. But I was alive, and I was finally home.

I remember wondering if it was real, could I truly be here, telling the Congressman about what I had just escaped from after narrowly surviving? That is how immensely blessed I feel to be sitting before you today. I am blessed. I am a child of God. I am a miracle. I escaped. But so many others have not, or have lost their lives to this evil.

At times, the enemy tries to burden me with survivor's guilt, but God reminds me to look the devil in the face and declare: *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"* (Genesis 50:20). This truth reflects God's sovereignty and His ability to transform human evil and suffering into divine purpose. We must lead by example, as He does, through forgiveness, redemption, and hope.

Like many victims, my traffickers threatened my life countless times and threatened my family, especially if I ever left or told the truth about what they did to me and the other girls. They destroy lives and families and lead through intimidation and fear. My traffickers even told me they were my God, as many traffickers operate with a delusional savior complex. Contrary to what traffickers program victims to believe, it is only by grace through faith that we are saved (Ephesians 2:8–9). Salvation is God’s unconditional favor, love, and power, a gift that cannot be earned.

I thought I had accepted Jesus into my heart when I was younger, yet it was in the depths of true hell that God met me exactly where I was. My Heavenly Father was the only one who could reach me in my most sunken place. He was with me in the pit (With a Lion On A Snowy Day), teaching me to unlearn fear, face it, and run for my life, to reclaim my voice and my future.

I stand before you today not bearing the outward appearance of the horrors I endured. Because of the blood of Yeshua, I am reborn, no longer made in my traffickers’ image, but in His. This is the true nature of the battle we face if we hope to eradicate human trafficking in our nation and world. As Scripture reminds us: *“Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power... For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and spiritual forces of evil”* (Ephesians 6:10–13).

Therefore, just as God saved and spoke to me, I urge you to put on the full armor of God. Do not be afraid. Victims need to know they are not alone. We all fall short of His glory, I know I do, but His grace and mercy are SUFFICIENT..

As echoed in my beloved favorite story, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, after anguish and captivity, the realization comes that God’s justice and vengeance is far greater than our own. In the end, the declaration is clear and I believe it with all of my heart and soul: **“God will give me justice.”**

Closing Remarks

Human trafficking at large and at mass gatherings and events is not inevitable, It is preventable and combatable.

When we treat sports and entertainment venues as trafficking markets, build and inform task forces, collaborate with federal law enforcement, integrate intelligence, and center survivor leadership, we move from awareness to action and from reaction to prevention.

Let us all work together and hold stakeholders accountable to the best of our abilities in order to make FIFA World Cup, the Super Bowl, the Olympics and all mass gatherings- No Trafficking Zones!

Thank you for letting me share my heart with you all and for your leadership and your commitment to addressing what truly is a scourge against humanity.

God Bless.