



Ranking Member Jerry Nadler
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Nadler,

We, the members of the PACT Survivors' Council, write to express our opposition to H.R. 2601, The National Human Trafficking Enhancement Act.

PACT (Protect All Children from Trafficking) is an organization dedicated to protecting every child's right to grow up free from sexual exploitation and trafficking through advocacy, private sector engagement, and education. The mission of the PACT Survivors' Council is to ensure that the voices of survivors are heard, valued, and acted upon. We work to advance PACT's mission and make a difference in the lives of those who cannot yet speak for themselves because of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

H.R. 2601 will require the National Human Trafficking Hotline ("Hotline") to share information with any state and local law enforcement agency upon their request without the consent of the survivors who call the Hotline for help. Even with the proposed amendments, H.R. 2601 takes away the ability of survivors to decide whether contacting law enforcement is the best decision for them. *Choice and self-determination* are the first things traffickers and abusers steal from us and it should be the first thing we empower survivors to take back.

Automatically involving law enforcement without survivor consent will disproportionately harm the communities the Hotline intends to serve. We have heard that many survivors will stop contacting the Hotline out of fear law enforcement will be notified and survivor leaders will no longer recommend it to others in their work. We would be losing a vital lifeline to assistance and the ability to regain independence over our lives. *Cooperation with law enforcement entities should be a victim right, not a requirement.*

Therefore, we ask that you please stand with Survivors and oppose H.R. 2601.

Thank You,

PACT Survivors' Council

Our mission

