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The Honorable Chuck Grassley Chairman Judiciary Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin Ranking Member Judiciary Committee U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Jim Jordan Chairman Judiciary Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin Ranking Member Judiciary Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, Chairman Jordan, and Ranking Member Raskin:

On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, I wish to express our profound appreciation for Congress's ongoing commitment to combating human trafficking and supporting survivors. The introduction of the **Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2025 (S. 2255/H.R. 4323)** exemplifies this dedication. I commend the bill sponsors for their leadership and unwavering efforts in this fight and eagerly anticipate the successful passage of this bill into law.

Among the 168 independent Catholic Charities member agencies within our network, approximately 60 organizations have dedicated programs to assist crime victims, including survivors of human trafficking. The specific services offered are based upon the size, location, and available resources of each agency. Services provided include trauma-informed counseling, short- and long-term shelter, food and nutrition assistance, job placement assistance, comprehensive case management, immigration legal representation, and much more. Additionally, some agencies provide public education, often in collaboration with their respective Catholic diocese, to raise awareness within the community about the dangers and prevalence of human trafficking.

Additionally, we are grateful for the ongoing collaboration with various government agencies, including the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security, to support survivors in their recovery process. Catholic Charities agencies receive hundreds of referrals from federal and state government offices throughout the year to provide comprehensive

services to the individuals they encounter. Additional referrals are received from the National Human Trafficking Hotline and other community service organizations.

Our response to the gospel drives this work to care for the most vulnerable members of society, thereby honoring the inherent dignity bestowed upon them by God. We affirm our commitment to collaborating with you to assist trafficking survivors in ways that governmental entities cannot.

Thank you once again for your dedication to this cause. I respectfully ask you and your colleagues to pass this legislation swiftly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives