



The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the undersigned survivors of human trafficking, representing 168 survivors from more than 41 states, we are writing to express our strong support for the **Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2024, H.R. 7137, (TSRA)**. As survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, many of us continue to be negatively impacted by criminal records we incurred as a result of our trafficking victimization. We know intimately that a criminal record greatly impedes our ability to heal and rebuild our lives, including our ability to access meaningful job opportunities, education, housing and even critical necessities for ourselves and our families.

The TSRA is vital because it not only recognizes the profound injustice we endured as victims and survivors of human trafficking and exploitation, but it provides a pathway for survivors to expunge our criminal records that resulted from the trauma we endured while being exploited. Many of us were forced, coerced and manipulated into engaging in illegal activities as a direct result of our trafficking situations, and the records that resulted from these experiences can haunt us long after we have exited and escaped those circumstances.

The ability to clear these records is not just a matter of legal relief; it is a critical step toward reclaiming our lives.

By allowing survivors a pathway toward vacating and expunging past records, the TSRA acknowledges that we are not defined by our past experiences but by our strength and resilience.

It empowers us to seek employment, housing, and education without the stigma of our past that often acts as a barrier to reintegration into society.

This legislation recognizes the unique challenges we face and provides the necessary support for us to move forward with our lives. It is an essential tool for helping human trafficking survivors achieve stability and independence.

We urge you to please support the **Trafficking Survivors Relief Act** and giving survivors the chance to start anew. Together, we can create a more just and supportive environment for all survivors of human trafficking.

Sincerely,

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