

Sample template for Senators:

Dear Senator _____:

As one of your constituents in Iowa and one of those engaged on the frontlines in the effort to eliminate Human Trafficking from Iowa and the rest of the country, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you and the rest of your colleagues in the Senate to act quickly on the Trafficking Victim Protection Reauthorization Act (S.1301). You may or may not be aware, but the 2008 William Wilberforce TVPRA expired September 30, so this bill ought to be considered with urgency as it provides some of the best tools and best support in the fight against human slavery both domestically and abroad.

While some may question whether Iowans need to be concerned about the issue of Human Trafficking, our experiences in the fight and the Department of Justice's own reports teach us just how important Iowa is to slavers. Our rural setting, our "mind our own business" mentality, and our access to the Federal Interstate Highway system all contribute to make Iowa a popular location for the trading of slaves and for their shipment to all parts of the country.

Senator _____, I know that the efforts to eliminate human slavery in the country and the world have been near and dear to your heart, as evidenced by your past role as a lawmaker and your upcoming introduction for help in the fight against the trafficking of minors. 31 of your colleagues have recognized the need for this important weapon for prosecutors and aid for victims and have registered their support of this bill as co-sponsors. I urge you not to sit on the sidelines for this fight and to please take a moment and lend your support and energy to ensure that this bill is passed before more victims are enslaved or more slavers go free. By doing so, the entire world will know that slavery has no place, no refuge, in the land of the free or in our beloved state!

Peace,