



Senator Rob Portman  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Portman,

We are a coalition of investors affiliated with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility focused on combatting human trafficking and exploitation. As your constituents living in Ohio, invested in firms in Ohio and supported by national and international investors, we applaud the work you have done to create a friendly environment for Ohio businesses. You have also been a leader in the Senate for better laws to combat the crime of human trafficking. You founded the Senate Caucus to End Human Trafficking in 2013 and have served as co-chair of the group. From your consistent support of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, to the End Trafficking in Government Contracting Act, to your hearings and other efforts to highlight and stop sex and labor trafficking in Ohio, you have set out to make men, women, and especially children safe from the ravages of exploitation.

Today's supply chains are long and complex where many products we use every day are tainted by forced labor. This poses a risk to companies, their supply chains, and their investors. We as investors and consumers want to ensure the companies we invest in are dealing with the risks related to goods made with exploitation entering the US market. These goods undermine companies that are trying to play on a level playing field. Reauthorizations of the Trafficking in Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2003 and 2005, Executive Orders 13126 and 13627, and the 2016 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report have also affirmed that business enterprises have a responsibility to address exploitation in their supply chains.

Based on your commitment to American businesses and to end human trafficking, we request that you consider being a lead sponsor of the Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act in the new Congress.

The Act would require companies with a minimum of \$100 million in worldwide gross receipts annually to report transparently about their efforts to address slavery and child labor within their business operations, including supply chain and labor management. We view this transparency measure as a means to create competition to improve practices to end slavery by providing the public and the market with information about companies that are – and that are not – taking real steps to address slavery.

We thank you for your leadership in the Senate on human trafficking issues and look forward to speaking with you and your staff in the near future.

Sincerely,

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