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Dear Friends,

I would like to personally thank you for taking the time to gather signatures and send in petitions calling for Canada to adopt the Nordic (Swedish) model of prostitution. Each time these petitions are presented in the House of Commons, Members of Parliament are reminded by Canadians of the urgent need for action to combat human trafficking and protect our children.

Petitions are an important method of raising awareness and making a difference. In fact, the success of my Private Members' Bill C-268, which created a new child trafficking offence, was the result of thousands of Canadians making their voice heard in Parliament by signing petitions.

I am also pleased to forward copies of two other petitions. The first petition calls for Canada to develop and implement a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking. The second petition asks Parliament to adopt my new Private Members' Bill C-310, which will significantly enhance Canada's anti-human trafficking efforts. I have included further information on Bill C-310 with this letter. Your support for both of these initiatives, by collecting signatures, is so important.

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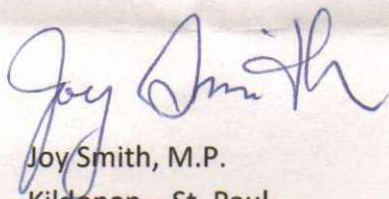
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Again, thank you for voicing your support for the adoption of the Nordic model of prostitution in Canada. Fighting human trafficking must be a priority for Canada. For additional ways that you can help, please see the form included with this correspondence or visit my website, www.joysmith.ca.

It is my hope that by working together, we can abolish human trafficking in Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Joy Smith, M.P.
Kildonan – St. Paul

PETITION (National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking)

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF CANADA, draw attention to the House to the following:

WHEREAS Canada is regarded as a source, transit, and destination country for victims of human trafficking;

WHEREAS a strategic intelligence brief by the Criminal Intelligence Service of Canada found that females aged 12-25 are recruited in Canada and trafficked inter and intra-provincially;

WHEREAS an RCMP study found that key groups of Canadian youth, including those from First Nations communities, were susceptible to becoming victims of sex trafficking;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of Parliament to protect the most vulnerable members of society from harm, those being the victims of Human Trafficking;

THEREFORE your petitioners request the Government develop and implement a comprehensive national action plan to combat human trafficking.

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RETURN completed petitions to: Mrs. Joy Smith, Member of Parliament, Kildonan – St. Paul, Room 434, Confederation Building, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Bill C-310 Backgrounder – Quick Overview

Bill C-310 will amend the *Criminal Code* of Canada to make two important changes regarding human trafficking.

Extraterritorial Offence

First, Bill C-310 will amend the *Criminal Code* to add the current trafficking in persons offences [s.279.01 and s.279.011] to the list of offences which, if committed outside Canada by a Canadian or permanent resident, could be prosecuted in Canada. The current list of extraterritorial offences includes serious crimes such as child sexual exploitation, hostage taking and terrorism.

Human trafficking is an egregious crime that is often carried out across international borders. While Canada has adopted stiff penalties for criminals who traffic victims into, through, and from Canada, it is important that we also take responsibility for Canadians who traffic or enslave vulnerable populations in other countries. This amendment will also compliment steps being taken by other countries.

Enhancing Definition of Exploitation

The second amendment will enhance the current definition of exploitation in the trafficking in persons offence [s.279.04 of the *Criminal Code*]. Currently the definition does not provide specific examples of exploitive conduct. This amendment will add an evidentiary aid for the Court to provide clear examples of exploitation such as the use of threats, violence, coercion, and fraudulent means. Examples of similar evidentiary aids can be found in s.153 (1.2) and s.467.11 (3) of the *Criminal Code*.

This amendment has stemmed from consultations with law enforcement, lawyers, and prosecutors who have faced challenges demonstrating exploitation in trafficking in persons cases under the current definition.

Bill C-310 Backgrounder - Canadian Support for Amendments

Prof. Benjamin Perrin, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, and author of *Invisible Chains: Canada's Underground World of Human Trafficking* (Penguin, 2011)

"Human traffickers have evaded prosecution for their heinous crimes, in part, because Canada's criminal laws are not explicit enough to clearly encompass the range of tactics employed by these serial exploiters. Member of Parliament Joy Smith is again responding to concerns by police and victims' groups in seeking to amend our human trafficking laws to hold traffickers accountable and protect victims. I call on all Parliamentarians to support this initiative."

Jamie McIntosh, Executive Director, International Justice Mission Canada

"The crime of human trafficking often transgresses international boundaries, with vulnerable men, women, and children subject to its devastating reach. Human traffickers, including those of Canadian nationality, will persist in their illicit trade if they believe their crimes will go unpunished. Extending authority to prosecute Canadians for human trafficking crimes committed abroad is an important step in the global fight against human trafficking. As a nation, we must commit to prosecuting Canadian nationals who commit these crimes, regardless of geographical location at the time of offence."

Timea Nagy, Program Director, Walk With Me

"As an internationally trafficked survivor, who has been working with Canadian law enforcement to help human trafficking victims, I am absolutely thrilled to see this legislation presented by Mrs. Smith. It is clear, that Mrs. Smith has consulted professionals, experts from the field, and listened. This Bill will help Canadian law enforcement and prosecutors to be able to do their job and send a message to traffickers around the world, that Canada does not tolerate this crime against human dignity."

K. Brian McConaghy, Founding Director, Ratanak International

"It is imperative that Canada continues to maintain and enhance a position of strength combating modern day slavery both domestic and international. It is a given that we must protect those weak among us who are at risk of being trafficked. It is no less important that we protect those in other countries from Canadian predators who would traffic in human lives. Such Canadians must be held fully accountable for their actions. This amendment, conforming to international legal norms, positions Canada to do just that and as such is to be commended."

Shae Invidiata, Founder, [free-them]

"In conjunction with The Act and The Purpose, The United Nations deems a case to be human trafficking if 'threatened of' or 'use of violence, force, coercions, fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent means' is used. Without any hesitation these methods constitute exploitation and, in supporting Mrs. Smith's Private Members Bill, should be amended into the Criminal Code of Canada."

HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Support Bill C-310

- 1. Join/Like the Facebook page "Support Bill C-310".**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Support-Bill-C-310-Combat-Modern-Day-Slavery/296393823711549>

- 2. Write to your Member of Parliament urging them to support Bill C-310.**

If you are unsure who your MP is, you can enter your postal code on the website of the Parliament of Canada. <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp>

Remember all mail to a Member of Parliament does not require any postage. You can address letters using the following example:

John Doe, MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6

- 3. Write to the Justice Minister of Canada to voice your support of Bill C-310.**

Letters can be addressed to:

The Hon. Rob Nicholson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice
Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

- 4. Write to the Prime Minister of Canada to voice your support of Bill C-310.**

Letters can be addressed to:

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
313-S Centre Block
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

PETITION (Bill C-310 – Human Trafficking)

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF CANADA, draw attention to the House to the following:

WHEREAS human trafficking is an egregious injustice that takes place in Canada and throughout the international community;

WHEREAS Canadians have been known to engage in human trafficking outside of Canada;

WHEREAS Bill C-310 will amend the *Criminal Code* to add human trafficking offences to the list of offences which, if committed outside Canada by a Canadian or permanent resident, could be prosecuted in Canada;

WHEREAS Bill C-310 will amend the *Criminal Code* to include an evidentiary aid for Courts to provide clear examples of exploitation in cases of human trafficking;

THEREFORE your petitioners request that the House of Commons adopt Bill C-310, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons)*.

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