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TAKE IT DOWN ACT PASSES HOUSE, NOW ON PRES. TRUMP'S DESK FOR SIGNATURE

The Take It Down Act passed the House on Monday, April 28 by a vote of 409-2. The Senate previously passed the bill sponsored by Sen. Ted Cruz (R) and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D). This is a win against AI imagery and the bill now heads to Pres. Trump for signature.

Read more about it:

[Associated Press article](#)

[NY Times article](#)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGAL CENTER RELEASES "20 Years of Civil Litigation under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act"

As reported in the Alliance to End Human Trafficking April newsletter, the Human Trafficking Legal Center released Using Civil Litigation to Combat Human Trafficking: 20 Years of Civil Litigation Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act. The report analyzes data between 2003 and 2023 from the Human Trafficking Legal Center's Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) civil case material.

With all the recent political discussion focused on immigration, we found it interesting that "While United States citizens brought the most significant number of federal trafficking cases, plaintiffs from 84 countries filed federal trafficking cases from 2003-2023. Most of these cases were brought by Mexican, Philippine, and Indian citizens. While most cases brought by US citizens involved allegations of sex trafficking, the cases brought by these countries overwhelmingly involved allegations of forced labor.

Plaintiffs originally from Mexico filed 84 cases involving forced labor, mainly in the agriculture sector as well as construction, landscaping and mining.

All of the cases filed by plaintiffs originally from the Philippines allege forced labor with most cases split between the healthcare and wellness sector and the

domestic work sector. The cases filed by plaintiffs originally from India allege forced labor across many sectors.

Most foreign born plaintiffs entered the US with a visa or other legal status."

Read the full report [HERE](#)

APRIL WAS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Even though April is over, we should always keep protecting our children. The following tips are from the Dept. of Justice:

Parents, guardians, caregivers, and teachers can take the following measures to help protect children from becoming victims of online child predators.

- **Discuss internet safety and develop an online safety plan with children before they engage in online activity. Establish clear guidelines, teach children to spot red flags, and encourage children to have open communication with you.**
- **Supervise young children's use of the internet, including periodically checking their profiles and posts. Keep electronic devices in open, common areas of the home and consider setting time limits for their use.**
- **Review games, apps, and social media sites before they are downloaded or used by children. Pay particular attention to apps and sites that feature end-to-end encryption, direct messaging, video chats, file uploads, and user anonymity, which are frequently relied upon by online child predators.**
- **Adjust privacy settings and use parental controls for online games, apps, social media sites, and electronic devices.**
- **Tell children to avoid sharing personal information, photos, and videos online in public forums or with people they do not know in real life. Explain to your children that images posted online will be permanently on the internet.**
- **Teach children about body safety and boundaries including the importance of saying 'no' to inappropriate requests both in the physical world and the virtual world.**

PATH IN THE FIELD



On April 9, 2025 Dr. Theresa Hayden, Vice Chair and Jaime Thompson, Director of Programs participated in the Kentucky Secretary of State's *Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking (KBAT)* Forum which was held in Louisville, KY. The event was part of the Secretary of State's Office initiative to raise

awareness and equip Kentucky businesses with information and knowledge about human trafficking. PATH is partnering with the Secretary of State's office to provide education and training sessions for participating businesses who wish to engage in deeper learning about sex and labor trafficking of children and adults in the Commonwealth.



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