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# STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

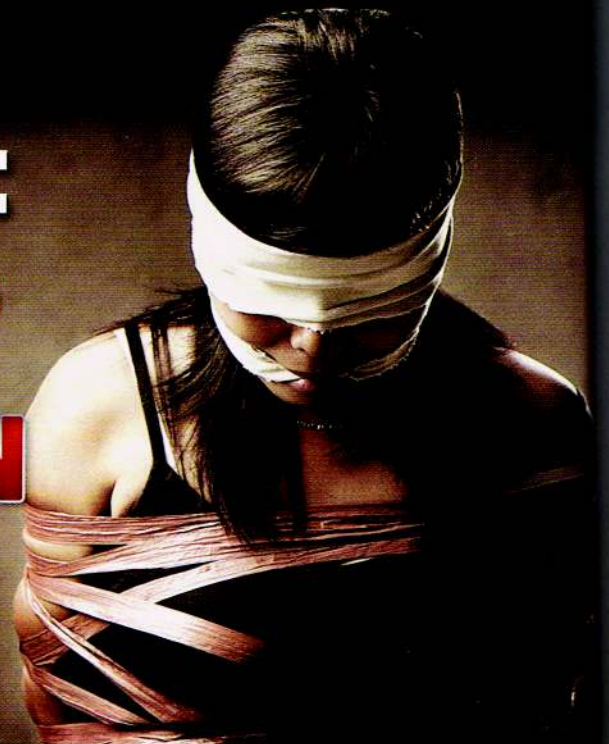
## SUPPORT THE CASE ACT

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# The CASE Act:

## JOIN OUR FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



### CHRIS KELLY

Founder, Safer California Foundation, and Former Chief Privacy Officer, Facebook

We share a dedication to public safety and to protecting the lives of those who are the most vulnerable in our community. We also share a common belief that tougher laws in California are needed to fight human trafficking, online predators and sexual slavery.

That's why I'm asking for your support for the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) Act.

Slated for the November 2012 ballot once qualified, the CASE Act will update California's laws to confront the growing and underreported problem of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children within the state.

This initiative will increase penalties against human traffickers, require human traffickers to pay for services for their victims, require convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders and require all registered sex offenders to disclose their Internet accounts.

By strengthening these laws, the initiative will help the law enforcement community crack down on these horrific crimes.

We are proud to count many law enforcement organizations — including PORAC — among our endorsers.

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

According to the **Trafficking Victims Protection Act** of 2000, the term "severe forms of trafficking in persons" is defined as:

- ✓ "[trafficking] in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- ✓ the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery."<sup>1</sup>

It's time for the people of California to take a stand for tougher laws and stronger enforcement to fight human trafficking, sexual exploitation and sexual predators.

In California, thousands of vulnerable women and young girls are held against their wills and forced to sell their bodies. The victims are often girls as young as 12 who are sexually exploited for the financial gain of human traffickers. They are afraid for their lives and abused — sexually, physically and mentally.

Human trafficking is said to be one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world. And as many of you know from protecting our communities, it is taking place right here in our own backyard.

California has three metropolitan areas that the FBI has identified as among the highest child prostitution areas in the nation. The state also recently received an F grade on laws to protect children against sex trafficking.

It's clear that California's current laws do not provide many of you in law enforcement with all the tools needed to confront the problem. We can do better, and you can help us change things today by supporting the CASE Act.

That's why we are asking for you to help raise awareness of this important initiative. Then spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues. Help us pass this ballot initiative in November.

<sup>1</sup> *Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000*, Public Law 106-386, 106<sup>th</sup> Cong. (October 28, 2000), Section 103.





## WHY CALIFORNIA IS A HOT SPOT

- ✓ Large population
- ✓ Metropolitan regions
- ✓ Large economy
- ✓ International borders
- ✓ Extensive ports <sup>1</sup>

The CASE Act will also take the fight against human trafficking to the Internet, taking a stand against sex offenders who are lurking in the digital shadows online.

I've seen firsthand the explosion in the use of the Internet to identify and traffic women and children from the time I spent as Chief Privacy Officer at Facebook. I have worked with many of you on commonsense reforms in the Legislature, and now we want to go one step further.

The CASE Act will update Megan's Law and require that all registered sex offenders disclose their online accounts. Our children will be safer online when sex offenders disclose their e-mail addresses, instant messenger names and Twitter and Facebook information.

At the kickoff event for the CASE Act campaign, I listened to Leah Albright-Byrd, a human trafficking survivor, speak about her personal experiences. When Leah talks about what she endured, she asks each of us

to imagine being 11 years old and having your body used and abused for the sake of someone else's monetary gain.

You and I know that no one should have to endure this brutality, especially not a child. That's why we need to pass the CASE Act in November.

By voting yes on the CASE Act, Californians will make a statement that we will not tolerate the sexual abuse of our children and that we stand with the victims of these horrible crimes. **Join us in this fight today by visiting [www.caseact.org](http://www.caseact.org).**

Also check out the PORAC News Roundup on page 8 and read about the latest version of PORAC TV, featuring an interview with the CASE Act sponsors. ✨

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Visit [www.caseact.org](http://www.caseact.org) and endorse the **Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act**.

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# BY THE NUMBERS

## 50,000

The number of women and children trafficked into the United States each year. <sup>2</sup>

## 6,000

Buyers by whom a sex trafficking victim may be raped over the course of his or her victimization. <sup>3</sup>

## 12-14

Average entry age of American minors into the sex trade. <sup>4</sup>

## 10-15

Typical quota of buyers per night given to children exploited through prostitution. <sup>5</sup>

## 8.5

The average number of convicted offenders for every 100 victims identified. <sup>6</sup>

**2** Human trafficking's position as the second largest criminal industry in the world — tied with the illegal arms industry and exceeded only by drug trafficking. <sup>7</sup>

**1** Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. <sup>8</sup>

## 0.4%

Percentage of victims identified. <sup>9</sup>





## Are You Watching?

### RACHEL HOOPER AND CHELSEA IRVINE

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### PORAC TV Features Interview with CASE Act Sponsors

We are very excited to announce the latest version of PORAC TV, featuring an interview with PORAC President Ron Cottingham and the sponsors of the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) Act, Daphne Phung and Chris Kelly.

In California, thousands of vulnerable women and young girls are held against their wills and forced into prostitution for the financial gain of human traffickers. The victims are often children. The CASE Act will deter sex traffickers, mandate training for law enforcement officers, require convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders, require all sex offenders to disclose Internet accounts and protect victims in court proceedings.

On this episode of PORAC TV, PORAC President Ron Cottingham discusses the CASE Act and what it will do to prevent this kind of dangerous and potentially deadly human trafficking. Daphne Phung, the head of Californians Against Slavery, a nonprofit human rights organization dedicated to ending human trafficking, and Chris Kelly, former Facebook Chief Privacy Officer and head of the Safer California Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting efforts to protect Californians from criminal exploitation, offer real stories of lives affected by trafficking and why this issue is so critical to public safety in California.

"Each day, thousands of women and children in California are at risk," explains Phung. "California harbors three of the FBI's



high-intensity child prostitution areas in the nation: **San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco.** Women and children are sexually exploited every day in every county of the state. This is not a political issue, nor is it a debatable issue. It's a human rights issue."

"Sex trafficking, exploitation and slavery are bigger problems in California than most would believe," said President Cottingham. "We recently found a functioning sweatshop right in California's Los Angeles area complete with razor wire facing into the facility to trap victims in. Thankfully, a passerby noticed the razor wire and alerted the authorities, but it is hard to say just how long the facility had been functioning.

"In my history as a Lieutenant with the San Diego Deputy Sheriff's Department, I have helped women whose stories will stay with me throughout my lifetime. It's time we stand together to make punishments tougher for these criminals."

"Victims need to know that every California voter is standing with them," said Kelly. "The CASE Act is our opportunity to protect the people of this state against sexual exploitation on our streets and on the Internet."

### How Can You Get Involved? *Watch*

Watch the full interview at [www.PORAC.org](http://www.PORAC.org), [www.YouTube.com/PORACalifornia](http://www.YouTube.com/PORACalifornia) and [www.Facebook.com/PORAC](http://www.Facebook.com/PORAC).

### *Learn and Sign*

Learn more about the CASE Act and sign the petition at [www.CASEAct.org](http://www.CASEAct.org) or [www.Facebook.com/CASJustice](http://www.Facebook.com/CASJustice) or use the hashtag #humantrafficking.

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