



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302
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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Texas Attorney General
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Dear General Abbott,

As members of the Texas congressional delegation, we are pleased to support the efforts of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to combat human trafficking, especially child sex trafficking, at the upcoming 2011 Super Bowl. We commend the Office of the Attorney General of Texas for its hard work and offer our support and assistance to the State's response to this problem.

As you know, domestic minor sex trafficking impacts the lives of thousands of American children each year in states across the country, including Texas. There is some evidence that demand for trafficked children spikes during major sporting events like the Super Bowl. We commend the Office of the Attorney General of Texas for its plan to protect vulnerable children by targeting and arresting those criminals who seek to profit from child sex trafficking.

We are further pleased to hear that the Office of the Attorney General of Texas has taken an active role in the identification and protection of trafficking victims by developing a Human Trafficking Task Force and commissioning the Texas Response to Human Trafficking Report. Texas must not serve as a safe harbor for criminals who seek to traffic and exploit victims, especially children. The only way to stop this horrible practice is to send a clear message to would-be traffickers that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Your efforts in Texas are an example of what can and should be done to protect children at risk for and victimized by sexual exploitation. We look forward to helping you make Super Bowl XLV in Dallas a truly family friendly and safe event.

Sincerely,

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