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**NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER**  
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## *Take Action Against Human Trafficking!*

In America, 60,000 men, women, and children are enslaved at this very moment. Worldwide, human trafficking is the second largest and fastest-growing organized crime in the world. There are an estimated 21 million people enslaved today, 4.5 million of which are in the sex industry. Estimates for revenues in all forms of exploitation and slavery total upwards of \$32 billion a year, and profits from sex slavery amount to nearly \$10 billion.

- Go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and learn how to identify human trafficking and how to provide assistance.
- If you are in the United States and believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, report your suspicions to law enforcement by calling 911 or the 24-hour **National Human Trafficking Resource Center** line at 1-888-373-7888. Trafficking victims, including undocumented individuals, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
- Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Discover your **slavery footprint**, ask **who picked your tomatoes** or **made your clothes**, or check out the Department of Labor's **List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor**.
- Meet with and/or write to your **local, state, and federal government representatives** to let them know you care about combating human trafficking, and ask what they are doing to address it.
- Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include modern slavery in their curricula. As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers **target school-aged children**.
- **Encourage companies** to take steps to investigate and prevent human trafficking in their supply chains and publish the information for consumer awareness **See:** <https://madeinafreeworld.com/action>
- Become familiar with the Position Paper of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd on Human Trafficking.
- Join the Polaris Project for updates in what is happening in your community, your state, and at the national and international level. Learn what actions you can take.

Nothing degrades another human being more than being treated as an object, as a commodity. Let's act today to end this scourge.

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