

CAST 2012 STATE POLICY AGENDA

Decriminalization of Human Trafficking Survivors

- Vacating Convictions for All Trafficked Children
- Vacating Adult Convictions For Child Trafficking Victims Tried as Adults Because They Are Misidentified as An Adult
- Creation of an Affirmative Defense for All Crimes Related to Human Trafficking for Child and Adult Trafficking Victims
- Safe Harbor Provisions For Child Sex Trafficking Victims

Increasing Public Awareness and Prevention of Human Trafficking

- Require posting the National and a State Human Trafficking hotline number in public places to educate the public about modern-day slavery as well as provide access to assistance and services to trafficking survivors and the good Samaritans who identify them.
- Increase protections for workers in home and care facilities to ensure they have the same rights as other workers and reduce risk of exploitation and human trafficking in these hidden environments
- Instigate a statewide plan for child welfare and juvenile delinquency programs to better address the needs of trafficked children

Agency Implementation

- Ensure the California Attorney General's Office publishes regulations for SB 657 the California Business and Transparency Act to allow consumers greater information about slavery in supply chains.
- Ensure the California Tax Board makes public the list of companies required to comply with SB 657
- Assist in developing an effective protocol for the District Attorney's response to child trafficking under SB 1279 in the Los Angeles area.

CAST 2012 FEDERAL POLICY AGENDA

Federal Policy Legislative Initiatives

- Ensure passage of the Trafficking Victims Protect Act of 2011 (TVPRA) which for the first time since its enactment in 2000 has not been reauthorized
- Increase protections, resources and data tracking for trafficked children in the child welfare system
- Increase business transparency about slavery in their supply chains in both manufactured and service goods
- Increase access to information for workers lawfully entering the United States, prohibit workers from paying fees to foreign labor recruiters, require companies to utilize registered foreign labor recruiters to prevent cases of exploitation and modern day slavery in the United States.
- Increase funding for services and law enforcement efforts to combat modern-day slavery in the US and abroad for all trafficking survivors, men, women, and children, sex and labor, foreign national and US citizens.

Agency Implementation

- Ensure all Wage & Hour Inspector at Department of Labor receive comprehensive, standardized training on human trafficking
- Ensure Wage & Hour will sign T-visa certifications not just U-visa certifications
- Request USCIS comply with federal statutory requirement to issue temporary employment cards to trafficking survivors while their T-visa application is pending

Survivor Voices

- Support survivor led advocacy in the human trafficking movement and policy recommendations made by survivors