

Dear Senator / Representative _____,

As a person of faith and your constituent, I urge you to reject changes to the **Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2008** and other policies that would remove life-saving protections from vulnerable unaccompanied children and families fleeing harm in Central America.

An immediate response to this crisis is needed, but removing key due process protections at a time when increasing numbers of children and families are in need of these life-saving protections is the wrong response. Policies that strip children and asylum seekers of their ability to tell their story and present their case creates the possibility of deporting children to their death. In addition, such policies fail to address the violence and instability that continue to force children and their families to flee for their lives.

As Congress considers a response to this crisis, I urge you to support legislation that will:

- Ensure the **well-being of vulnerable persons is the driving force** of a U.S. response;
- **Maintain due process protections** that allow children and families adequate time and opportunity to tell their stories;
- **Address root causes of forced migration** from Central America.

The United States is capable of meeting this challenge with compassion by implementing a humanitarian response.

Sincerely,

My address is:

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