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# NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES

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January 17, 2022

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means  
United States House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and Means  
United States House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, Chairman Neal, and Ranking Member Brady:

The [National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States](#) (the Committee) was established on January 18, 2017, pursuant to Section 121 of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-183). The Committee advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Attorney General on practical and general policies to improve the Nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth in the United States.

In September 2020, the Committee published its interim report, [Best Practices and Recommendations for States](#), which contains 127 recommendations with supporting resources and examples that states may consult as they work to improve their response to the sex trafficking of children and youth within their jurisdictions. In March 2021, following the release of its interim report, the Committee released the [State Self-Assessment Survey](#) for each state to assess the extent to which they have worked to address the sex trafficking of children and youth.

P.L. 113-183 required the Committee to submit to the Secretary, the Attorney General, and the public a description of what each state has done to implement the recommendations of the Committee. In accordance with these requirements, the Committee's most recent report, **Preliminary State Self-Assessment Survey Overview**, is available online. The preliminary report provides a high-level summary of state efforts based on information collected during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted many states' capacities to respond to the survey.

While this preliminary report makes an effort to meet the Committee's responsibilities prior to its statutory sunset on January 18, 2022, a more comprehensive report including additional analysis of information may be published in the future through discretionary activities supported by HHS.

The preliminary report, previous reports, and records of all public proceedings of the National Advisory Committee is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen (JR) Ujifusa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" and the initials "(JR)" being more legible than the last name "Ujifusa".

Glen (JR) Ujifusa  
Chairperson  
National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States

Enclosure

CC: Xavier Becerra, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
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