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In regards to: “Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act”, and best practices and recommendations with state governors and child welfare agencies...

According to a recently released report by the State Department, the top three nations of origin for victims of human trafficking in 2018 were the United States, Mexico and the Philippines.

"These are American kids, American born, 50% to 60% of them coming out of the foster care industry." – Geoff Rogers

[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.foxnews.com%2Fus%2Fhuman-trafficking-in-america-among-worst-in-world-report%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0wpUwbS1jJv5IB5rAfxGqiXXmJQI0GkJXBgVeuaY\\_5LnggiVTZ2M9h7yk&h=AT38mqMDRq8egnb\\_lalXMmM-cpdOdZkyYIKmYAGerWmCEoShgWgJE57hjEyMepflXm8Ryo8Q7YG9TwilJVB2ENG-oFHwZpIWjUY4I7mR7wL\\_vuRSDN3nWEZQFTwZlrSxKYjA7efn3glIVYpZt0D\\_ZOzw](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.foxnews.com%2Fus%2Fhuman-trafficking-in-america-among-worst-in-world-report%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0wpUwbS1jJv5IB5rAfxGqiXXmJQI0GkJXBgVeuaY_5LnggiVTZ2M9h7yk&h=AT38mqMDRq8egnb_lalXMmM-cpdOdZkyYIKmYAGerWmCEoShgWgJE57hjEyMepflXm8Ryo8Q7YG9TwilJVB2ENG-oFHwZpIWjUY4I7mR7wL_vuRSDN3nWEZQFTwZlrSxKYjA7efn3glIVYpZt0D_ZOzw)

By DHHS definition, trafficking sounds like their ‘child welfare’:

### *What Is Human Trafficking?*

*Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers might use violence, manipulation, or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to lure victims into trafficking situations.*

*Language barriers, fear of their traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement frequently keep victims from seeking help, making human trafficking a hidden crime.*

*Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings.*

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 4980) is a US bill that would address federal adoption incentives and would amend the **Social Security Act** (SSA) to require the state plan for **foster care** and adoption assistance to demonstrate that the state agency has developed policies and procedures with respect to the children it is working, and which are (possibly) a victim of **sex trafficking** or a severe form of trafficking in persons.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The bill furthermore requires states to implement the 2008 **UIFSA** version, which is required so the 2007 **Hague Maintenance Convention** can be ratified by the US.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act:

Whenever more than one state is involved in the establishing, enforcing or modifying a child or spousal support order, the act is implemented to determine the jurisdiction and power of the courts in the different states. The Act also establishes which state's law will be applied in proceedings under the Act, an important factor as support laws vary greatly among the states.

(The Act establishes rules requiring every state to defer to child support orders entered by the [state courts](#) of the child's home state. The place where the order was originally entered holds [continuing](#)

**exclusive jurisdiction** (CEJ), and only the law of that state can be applied to requests to modify the order of child support, unless the courts of that state no longer have original tribunal jurisdiction (CEJ) under the Act.)

My concerns are with the 'Strengthening Families Act' portion and The Administrative *Chain of Command*.

As an advocate for families and children, financial incentives pose a big problem to the already broken family court system and their unethical practices.

Jurisdiction as defined, is not followed by these state run family courts. Including that they violate rights daily through use of their unethical and fraudulent activities that they currently use to incentivize the state and its funding.

Children are taken from fit families, including through fraudulent orders by the state run family courts. Through the use of 'Hague Conventions' stated in the fraudulent orders being created, these courts take and keep children from their families-putting them in worse situations than they were taken from. Many of these children run away, and have issues stemming from the abuses that have been created by these family courts, who through the assistance of DHHS, CPS, and other state run agencies, power goes unchecked and children and families lives are destroyed. This is where the majority of your trafficking victims come from.

When wrongdoing is proven by way of these state courts and administrative agencies, there is then no recourse for the victims.

Concerning the Administrative Chain of Command: there is currently no way to hold these people within these administrative agencies accountable. I am aware of an Act, but if passed will not take effect until the next president takes office. Even then, there are no guarantees that the Act will be followed.

Solution: Reform the State run Family Courts! Stop incentivizing the states and these agencies through taking children and placing them in foster care and adopted homes! Assistance must be to the biological families. And abusers must be held accountable. Counseling (and forgiveness) will not change the actions of those causing harm. Without accountability, the abusers understand that they get to continue with what they are doing, then learn new ways to hide behind the law and continue with their fraudulent practices.

There are many families, including children that suffer. My children were taken from my primary care, and placed with their father. I was given an order from family court to have time with my children every other weekend. The issue: the courts enforce that the parent (non-custodial-in my case, me) ONLY see their children on these every other weekend schedules. Then the public schools assist the family courts by enforcing these orders and then keep the non-custodial parent away-when they have done nothing wrong. Then the average parent (that has never been in a family court) assumes that the non-custodial must be "bad". When the fact is, that the courts, receive incentives and then DHHS and CPS receive incentives and then public schools receive incentives....and on and on....to keep the non-custodial parent away. When the only thing occurring is that the parents couldn't get along and decided to divorce, so they could all lead happy lives. BUT then the family courts get involved and there is: custody, support, equitable distribution, alimony...and the list goes on...more incentives for the exchange of money. THEN DHHS, CPS, social workers etc...all see their opportunity to get involved and make money...

There are big issues with the family court structure, and these incentives for foster care, and foster homes. Even the opioid crisis has found a way to get funding, when these issues are created through the pharmaceutical company and doctors. And again, more money is exchanged to take children from families and medicate the children and the families—then labeling them all! Causing even more issues to the children and family dynamic.

The underlying issues are getting bigger from the creation of these incentivized agencies through the family court structure.

My youngest child, that I gave birth to, raised and took care of on my own (because her father decided he didn't want anything to do with her), and I in turn, did everything I felt morally and ethically right. As a parent, I was fulfilling my parental obligations, and had a safe stable home for my

child. I was a college grad, and had been honorably discharged from the military. Her father decided to go hours away (to a place none of our family had ever lived) and file for custody. No one checked anything, including the current order I had for my older two children in a court system 4 hours away. Through false allegations created by the family court system, my child was taken from my care--- they arrested me on 'kidnapping' charges, and then placed her with her convicted abuser, in a garage. Her and him were given "counseling". I was given a 'no-contact' order so that my child could no longer tell me of the harms by her father. The courts made a decision to take her from her fit mom and stable home and put her in a garage, with him-the convicted abuser, with no bed, and no stability (her father did not have a home or a job). And I now had a falsely created felony kidnapping charge.

This was over 5 years ago. My daughter is now 9. She has had no contact or any association with me, her mommy or her brother and sister or the rest of her family. Because the courts put her convicted abuser in charge of us all. He does moral and unethical things and has never been held accountable.

This is only one story. There are many other families, with similar stories due to these state run family court systems.

For additional information I can be reached at the information provided below.