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TO: Members of the National Governors Association
   Members of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators
   Members of the National Indian Child Welfare Association

CC: Lynn A. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families (HHS)
   Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans (HHS)
   Elizabeth Darling, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth & Families (HHS)
   Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau (HHS)
   Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons (HHS); Designated Federal Officer
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The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-183) established the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States. The Committee is responsible for two Congressional reports (42 U.S.C. § 1314b(d)(3)):

- **Two tiers of recommended best practices for States to follow in combating the sex trafficking of children and youth.** The Committee released Preliminary Recommendations to Strengthen the Nation’s Response to the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States in January 2019. The Committee will release its full report of recommended best practices in April 2020.

- **Descriptions of what each State has done to implement the recommendations of the Committee.** The Committee will provide additional details on how it will collect information from states through a Federal Register Notice in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The data collection process will include self-reporting by each state and a period for public comment. This will be an opportunity to highlight the innovative and successful work in each state.

Per the requirements under P.L. 113-183, this letter serves as advance notification of six months that the Committee will be evaluating the extent to which states adopt the Committee’s recommendations. States may consider collaborating with their respective human trafficking task forces, coalitions, law enforcement, service providers, and other relevant groups to self-assess implementation efforts. Email NAC@nhttac.org with questions about the Committee.

On behalf of all of the members of the National Advisory Committee, I look forward to working with you as we improve the Nation’s response to the sex trafficking of children and youth.

Sincerely,

Glen (JR) Ujifusa
Chairperson

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