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Dear Colleagues:

I am proud to present this Human Trafficking Awareness Toolkit for your review. As some of you may know, human trafficking takes place everywhere and can happen to anyone. Unfortunately human trafficking takes place throughout Pennsylvania's transportation network. We in the transportation industry are uniquely positioned to combat human trafficking and raise awareness. To give you some perspective, below are some numbers from the National Human Trafficking hotline that are specific to Pennsylvania:

- Since 2007, the hotline has received a total of 3,198 calls that generated 704 cases in the commonwealth.
- In 2016 alone, there were 575 calls placed to the hotline that led to 151 reported cases.
- Of those 151 cases, 109, or 72% dealt with sex trafficking.
- 24 cases, or 16%, dealt with labor trafficking.
- 12 cases, or 8% were not specified as either sex or labor trafficking due to confidentiality or other legal issues.
- 6 cases, or 4%, were a combination of both sex and labor trafficking.

While the data is not available for every case, here are a few more numbers to demonstrate how pervasive this problem is right here at home:

- 125 of those victims are female and 23 of those victims are male.
- 106 are adults and 39 are children.
- 44 of those victims are US citizens or legally present residents and 21 are foreign nationals.

The majority of the people who placed those 575 calls last year were concerned community members, not the victims themselves and not a non-profit or a government representative. These numbers just reinforce how much concerned citizens can do if they just know what to look for and who to contact.

I am so grateful for our partnership with the PPTA, without whom we would not be able to share this important message. I hope you will walk away from this training with a new view of how important your work is and the difference you can make. Together we can end human trafficking in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Transportation