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To update the Department of Transportation’s multimodal counter-trafficking training and awareness campaign, and to award grants to all modes of transportation to address human trafficking awareness, education, and prevention efforts, and for other purposes.

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Transpor-
5 tation Operations that Prevent Human Trafficking Act”
6 or the “STOP Human Trafficking Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESEARCH.**

2 (a) USE OF EXISTING RESEARCH AND FACILITIES.—

3 The Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this Act
4 as the “Secretary”) shall carry out this Act by establishing
5 or building upon existing counter-trafficking research ef-
6 forts, including—

7 (1) studies carried out by the Transportation
8 Research Board of the National Academies of
9 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, including the
10 Human Trafficking in Transportation Common In-
11 terest Group Steering Committee and the National
12 Cooperative Highway Research Program (20–121A)
13 project on Countering Human Trafficking: A Toolkit
14 for State DOTs; and

15 (2) prevalence studies and multimodal research
16 projects.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
19 a comprehensive report to Congress that summarizes the
20 findings of past, current, and ongoing research in the area
21 of combating human trafficking in connection with trans-
22 portation operations.

23 **SEC. 3. COUNTER-TRAFFICKING INFORMATION SHARING.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall de-
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1 (1) a central database that tracks the counter-
2 trafficking efforts of transportation organizations
3 that have signed the Transportation Leaders
4 Against Human Trafficking Pledge, including tips
5 reported, policies, training, public awareness, and
6 partnerships;

7 (2) mode-specific, counter-trafficking policies
8 that include partnerships, reporting protocols, train-
9 ing, public awareness, research and information-
10 sharing, and victim and survivor support;

11 (3) a central database that tracks human traf-
12 ficking due diligence and prevention laws, resources,
13 sample policies, and tools to support the prevention
14 and mitigation of forced labor in supply chains for
15 goods and services across the transportation indus-
16 try; and

17 (4) a counter-trafficking policy template that
18 includes a zero-tolerance approach for transportation
19 organizations to adopt and post on their respective
20 websites.

21 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
22 the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

23 (1) the Advisory Committee on Human Traf-
24 ficking;

1 (2) the Transportation Leaders Against Human
2 Trafficking initiative; and

3 (3) the Blue Lightning Initiative.

4 **SEC. 4. SUPPORTING COUNTER-TRAFFICKING TRAINING**
5 **AND AWARENESS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

8 (1) update the Department of Transportation’s
9 multimodal counter-trafficking training and aware-
10 ness campaign—

11 (A) to encompass recent best practices, in-
12 cluding survivor-informed, trauma-informed,
13 and mode-specific signage and resources, that—

14 (i) support informed decision-making
15 and self-determination;

16 (ii) prioritize feelings of safety and se-
17 curity;

18 (iii) avoid retraumatization; and

19 (iv) draw upon knowledge of culturally
20 based values, traditions, customs, lan-
21 guage, and behavior; and

22 (B) to address potential technological bar-
23 riers to identification and reporting; and

24 (2) develop—

1 (A) print and digital modal pocket cards
2 and toolkits;

3 (B) multilingual prevention focused aware-
4 ness materials for displaced and vulnerable pop-
5 ulations;

6 (C) mode-specific indicators of human traf-
7 ficking beyond individuals being subjected to
8 human trafficking to include suspected traf-
9 fickers;

10 (D) standardized checklists to be used by
11 transportation employees and law enforcement
12 with indicators of human trafficking, including
13 modal indicators, for each mode of transpor-
14 tation; and

15 (E) evaluation tools for transportation
16 stakeholders—

17 (i) to ensure survivor-informed train-
18 ing objectives are met; and

19 (ii) to measure public awareness cam-
20 paigns by measuring outputs and out-
21 comes.

22 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
23 the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

24 (1) the Advisory Committee on Human Traf-
25 ficking;

1 (2) the Transportation Leaders Against Human
2 Trafficking initiative; and

3 (3) the Blue Lightning Initiative.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordina-
6 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall sub-
7 mit a report to Congress that includes a plan for how the
8 Department of Transportation and the Department of
9 Homeland Security will integrate efforts for all modal ap-
10 plications into the Blue Lightning Initiative and create
11 similar mode-specific partnerships for other transportation
12 sectors.

13 **SEC. 5. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
16 tablish and implement an ongoing public awareness cam-
17 paign that distributes public safety media messages, post-
18 ers, digital media messages, and other media messages
19 through States, partner organizations, and appropriate
20 media outlets, such as social medial platforms, television,
21 and radio, to encourage increased awareness regarding
22 combating human trafficking along vulnerable routes, cit-
23 ies, and locations during major events, including conven-
24 tions, trade shows, sporting events, concerts, and other

1 events, such as the FIFA World Cup 26, 2028 Summer
 2 Olympics, and America250.

3 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall periodically up-
 4 date the materials referred to in subsection (a).

5 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
 6 with law enforcement, local governments, and public and
 7 private stakeholders involved in combating human traf-
 8 ficking during major events.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the estab-
 10 lishment of the public awareness campaign pursuant to
 11 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit a report to Con-
 12 gress that includes a plan for how the Department of
 13 Transportation will facilitate counter trafficking pre-de-
 14 parture public service announcements for travelers and in-
 15 dividuals subjected to human trafficking at all transpor-
 16 tation agencies supported by the Department of Transpor-
 17 tation.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 19 authorized to be appropriated, for each of the fiscal years
 20 2027 through 2031, \$10,000,000, which shall be used to
 21 carry out this section and sections 2 through 4.

22 **SEC. 6. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HUMAN TRAF-**
 23 **FICKING PREVENTION GRANTS.**

24 (a) GRANTS FOR TRANSIT OPERATORS AND AIR-
 25 PORTS.—

1 (1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall
2 establish, within the Office of the Secretary, a grant
3 program that awards grants to multi-modal trans-
4 portation stakeholders to address human trafficking
5 awareness, education, and prevention efforts.

6 (2) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-
7 priated for grants under this section for each fiscal
8 year, the Secretary shall reserve \$10,000,000 for
9 grants to entities described in paragraph (3)(A),
10 which grant funds shall be expended to address
11 human trafficking awareness, education, and preven-
12 tion efforts, including by—

13 (A) coordinating human trafficking preven-
14 tion efforts across multimodal transportation
15 operations within a community; and

16 (B) accomplishing the best practices and
17 recommendations provided by the Advisory
18 Committee on Human Trafficking.

19 (3) DISTRIBUTION.—

20 (A) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary
21 may award grant funds reserved pursuant to
22 paragraph (2) to—

23 (i) nonprofit organizations that com-
24 bat human trafficking through transpor-
25 tation stakeholders;

- 1 (ii) transit operators;
- 2 (iii) passenger rail operators;
- 3 (iv) airport authorities;
- 4 (v) maritime and port operators, in-
- 5 cluding cruise lines;
- 6 (vi) commercial motor vehicle opera-
- 7 tors;
- 8 (vii) rideshare, taxi and limousine op-
- 9 erators; and
- 10 (viii) any other entities deemed appro-
- 11 priate by the Secretary.

12 (B) PRIORITY; CONSIDERATIONS.—In
13 awarding grant funds reserved pursuant to
14 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

15 (i) give priority in grant amounts to
16 entities referred to in subparagraph (A)
17 that serve regions with a higher prevalence
18 of human trafficking; and

19 (ii) take into consideration the effect
20 the use of such grants would have on sur-
21 rounding areas.

22 (C) CONSULTATION.—In awarding grant
23 funds reserved pursuant to paragraph (2), the
24 Secretary shall consult with the Advisory Com-
25 mittee on Human Trafficking to determine the

1 amounts to be distributed to each recipient to
2 ensure the best use of such funds.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated, for each of the fiscal years
5 2027 through 2031, \$10,000,000, which shall be used to
6 carry out the grant program authorized under subsection
7 (a).

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