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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT), a national nonprofit, faith-based organization working to end human trafficking in the United States, respectfully urges you to swiftly confirm Judge Merrick Garland as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Judge Garland is uniquely qualified for the position of Attorney General. As Chief Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Judge Garland has an exemplary record as a prosecutor and judge.

Sex Trafficking is modern-day slavery, happening everywhere in the United States. The victims can be U.S. citizens or any nationality, age, socioeconomic status, or gender. Sex Trafficking is a highly profitable crime that exploits an adult through force, fraud, or coercion or that engages a child in any form of commercial sexual exploitation. The U.S. Department of Justice and the Attorney General play a pivotal role in our nation's efforts to combat this scourge.

His record of achievement within the Judiciary and at the Department of Justice provides USIAHT with the utmost confidence that as Attorney General, Judge Merrick Garland will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases, while also leading the Department to cultivate new and innovative strategies to combat the systematic buying and selling of our nation's children.

Sincerely,

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