

U.S. Chamber Releases Toolkit to Prevent Human Trafficking

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with A21, today released a toolkit to equip businesses with resources to combat human trafficking. Released at a U.S. Chamber event during National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the toolkit provides information for businesses on best practices to identify and prevent trafficking, such as corporate responsibility programs, supply chain verification processes, and audit programs.

“Human trafficking is a global problem that affects millions each year,” said Glenn Spencer, senior vice president for employment policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “The U.S. Chamber is proud to work with leaders in the private and public sectors to raise awareness on combating modern day slavery. The business community lends a unique perspective, voice, and resources to combat trafficking, and we hope this toolkit can help everyone eradicate this horrible problem and save lives.”

The toolkit is available online at a21.org/business.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security estimates trafficking is second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime, generating billions of dollars a year in illicit profit.

In 2017, the U.S. Chamber created the Task Force to Eradicate Human Trafficking to work with member companies to educate stakeholders, lawmakers, senior government officials, and the public about best practices in supply chain management and identify strategies to combat human trafficking. Spencer continued, “We are stronger when we work together in both our efforts to prevent and raise awareness as well as helping those in recovery, healing, and reclaim their lives.”