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Dear friends,

It is with great joy that I inform you that Bill C-268 has finally passed the Senate of Canada!

I am so pleased that our country now has a law that assures significant penalties for those who traffic children. No longer will traffickers walk out of jail a week after being convicted.

I want to take a moment to thank you for the amazing support you have shown over the past year and a half. Tens of thousands of Canadians have voiced their support for Bill C-268 through petitions, emails, letters and phone calls. Your voice was heard!

My hope is that Bill C-268 is a tipping point for much more action on human trafficking. There is much to be done and I plan to continue to advocate for a National Action Plan to combat human trafficking.

We need to ensure that there are effective prevention initiatives in place and partnerships formed between federal and provincial governments to provide much needed protection and rehabilitation for victims.

I am sure you will join me in the next steps necessary to rid Canada of modern day slavery.

Again thank you for your support during this long journey. We are making a difference!

Sincerely,

Joy Smith, MP
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