

COUNTER-TRAFFICKING IN THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SECTOR + Q&A

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# **Agenda**

- Congressional Mandates
- FMCSA Combating Human Trafficking
- Discussion

# The Transportation Industry and Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking takes place on every mode of transportation in America – and we must change that."

- U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg



**Recognize** and **report** signs of human trafficking

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# **Congressional Mandates – Human Trafficking**



# Public Law No: 115-99

Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act

# **Public Law No: 115-106**

No Human Trafficking On Our Roads Act

**Public Law No: 117-301** 

Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2022

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# **Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act**

- Public Law No: 115-99
- Enacted by Congress on January 3, 2018



Department coordinator for human trafficking prevention



Outreach and education programs



Financial assistance program

# No Human Trafficking On Our Roads Act

- Public Law No: 115-106
- Enacted by Congress on January 8, 2018



A CDL holder convicted of human trafficking must be disqualified from operating a CMV for life without the possibility of reinstatement

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# **Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2022**

- Public Law No: 117-301
- Enacted by Congress on December 27, 2022



Coordinate with the owners and operators of aircraft, airports, **over-the road buses**, **bus stations**, passenger trains, and passenger railroad stations to advertise the National Human Trafficking Hotline contact information in restrooms

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: Call 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733



FMCSA Regulatory Action

If a driver operates a motor vehicle and is convicted of:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CLP or CDL and a CLP or CDL and a CLP or CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for * * *	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a non-CMV, a CLP or CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV transporting hazardous materials as defined in § 383.5, a person required to have a CLP or CDL and a CLP or CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this Table while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CLP or CDL and a CLP or CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV or *	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this Table whill operating a non-CMV, a CLP or CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for * * per sec
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(10) Using a CMV in the commission of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of trafficking in persons, as defined and described in 22 U.S.C. 7102(11).	Life—not eligible for 10- year reinstatement.	Not applicable	Life—not eligible for 10- year reinstatement.	Life—not eligible for 10- year reinstatement.	Not applicable.

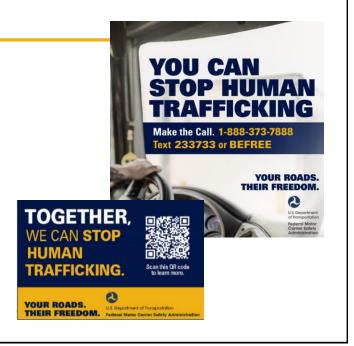
Final Rule Published: July 23, 2019 Compliance Date: September 23, 2022

For more information, see the <u>Lifetime Disqualification for Human Trafficking Final Rule</u>.

# **Outreach & Education**

The FMCSA "Your Roads, Their Freedom" campaign seeks to raise awareness of human trafficking in the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) industry.

This effort aims to educate and empower CMV drivers and other transportation-industry employees to recognize the signs of human trafficking and report the crime to authorities.



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# **Campaign Resources**





https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/stophumantrafficking/resources

# **FMCSA Grant Opportunities**

- Two discretionary grant programs support human trafficking awareness and training
- Eligible entities are encouraged to apply for financial assistance to help in the efforts to combat human trafficking



# Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI)

• Increase compliance with Federal requirements of 49 CFR parts 383 and 384

# High Priority – Commercial Motor Vehicle (HP-CMV)

Support enforcement projects that improve safety and compliance with CMV regulations

FMCSA has awarded just over \$3.6 million in grant funds for the reporting, recognition, and prevention of human trafficking.



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# **FMCSA Partnerships**







# **Discussion**



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# **More Information**



# Resources

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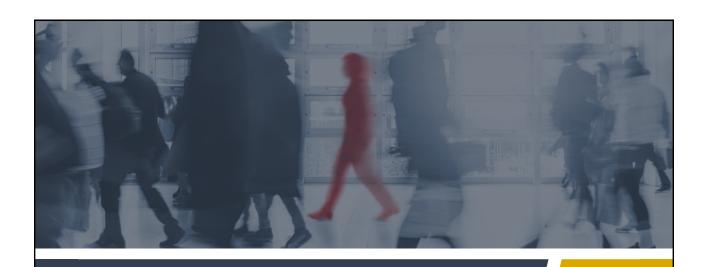
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Q&A: COUNTER-TRAFFICKING IN THE CMV SECTOR

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POLICIES & PARTNERSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

+ DISCUSSION

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# POLICIES + PARTNERSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

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# FOCUS AREAS

**Modes of Transportation** 

- Airlines/Airports
- Buses/Motor Coaches
- Law Enforcement
- Mass Transit (Bus/Rail)
- Maritime Ports
- · State Entities
- Trucking, Truck Stops & Travel Centers

# **PROCESS**

- 1. Professional expertise
  - By mode of transportation
- 2. Research and literature review
  - Review of existing policies and procedures
- 3. Interviews
  - Stakeholders/Non-Profits

# BACKGROUND

- The 2019 report was drawn on survivor voices and recommendations.
- The issue of human trafficking has evolved since the 2019 report was first completed.
- Early adopters now have advanced anti-trafficking programs that are reaching significant milestones.
  - The industry as a whole has scaled its anti-trafficking program.
- Anti-Human Trafficking Policies must move far beyond the introduction and education phase.

# GAPS

- Data gap: Human trafficking is still a hidden crime
- Survey of legislation across the country on state and local level

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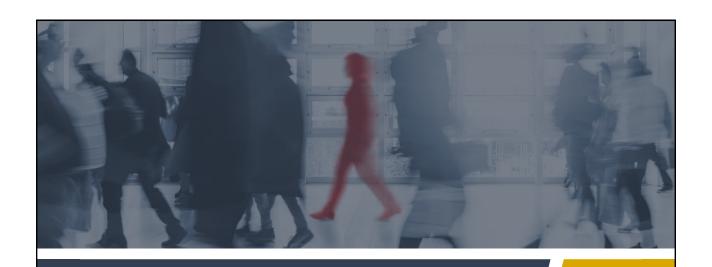
# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Multi-faceted approach that involves various stakeholders, including government agencies, law enforcement, NGOs, and the transportation sector itself.
- Privacy Policy: Urge all stakeholders to strengthen existing policies to incorporate privacy
  policies for victims.
  - Policies should prohibit employees who report suspected incidents of human trafficking from sharing sensitive or detailed information outside of management or law enforcement:
- Law Enforcement: Adopt Enhanced Collaborative Model (IACP 2024)
- Public/Private Partnerships:
  - Ex. Truckers Against Trafficking + Walmart
- · Job Training:
  - · Provide job training to rescued victims
- Legislation: Recommendations to Congress



# **LUNCH BREAK**

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RESEARCH + DATA SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

+ DISCUSSION

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# **BACKGROUND**

### **Sub-Committee Members**

- ACHT Members
  - o Shamere McKenzie, CEO, Sun Gate Foundation
  - o Leslie Richards, CEO, SEPTA
  - o Benito Ybarra, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer, Texas Department of Transportation
- ACHT SC Members (non-ACHT members)
  - o Earlyne Alexander, Supplier Diversity Compliance Manager, Port Authority of NY & NJ
  - o Lori Ann Chaussinand, Strategic Sales Development and Training, Pilot Company
  - o Erin DiCesare, Associate Professor, Johnson C. Smith University
  - o David Lorenzen, Systems Operations Division Director, Iowa Department of Transportation
  - o Kezban Yagci Sokat, Assistant Professor, San Jose State University

# FOCUS AREAS

- Best practices to improve research, data collection, analysis and information sharing regarding human trafficking. This includes:
- Research on current data collection and information sharing,
- Inconsistencies in data and information,
- Gaps in data and information, and
- Recommendations to improve data and information.

# **PROCESS**

- Our committee has assigned members to each section of the report outline.
- Committee members are gathering information and resources in the form of literature review, and interviews.
- Committee members submit their research information to the group and drafters for feedback, questions and placement in the draft report.

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# BACKGROUND

- Transportation industry and personnel play a critical role in combating human trafficking. The 2019 Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking Report provides an extensive review of the resources up to that point.
- Currently data collection, analysis and information sharing is not consistent, causing, in some cases, (1)
  double reporting, (2) not having enough information to help a victim, (3) submission of incorrect data and
  information amongst networks that may not communicate with each other well, and (4) creating gaps and
  lack of understanding of what is reported.
- The work of this committee focuses on past and recent research on human trafficking in multiple transportation industry sectors as it relates to data collection, analysis and information sharing, and how best to improve this process.
- This committee is confident our recommendations, if implemented, will reduce the inconsistencies and gaps in the research for data collection, information sharing, reporting, and create a network of clear communication amongst all organizations and agencies reporting human trafficking in multiple transportation sectors.

# **EXAMPLES**

- 2020 Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Synthesis on Transit Security Preparedness A Synthesis
  of Transit Practices
- Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Research Report Developing an Airport Program to Address Human Trafficking: A Guide
- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) State DOT Contributions to the Study, Investigation, and Interdiction of Human Trafficking
- The Counter-Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC)

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# **EXAMPLES**

- Understanding the Role of Transportation in Combating Human Trafficking in California
- Addressing Forced Labor in Supply Chains in California
- Satellites can reveal global extent of forced labor in the world's fishing fleet
- The role of the transport sector in facilitating and preventing trafficking in persons along high volume transport corridors in sub-Saharan Africa
- Human trafficking as a racialized economy and the exploitation of indigenous socio-spatial (im)mobility in North America

# ONGOING WORK: DATA, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

- Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award- National Outreach Survey for Transportation (NOST)
- Federal Transit Administration Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative Projects
  - o Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness cooperative agreements
  - O Innovations in Transit Public Safety Grants
- ACRP Using Existing and Emerging Technologies to Identify and Mitigate Human Trafficking at Airports
- Various United States Department of Labor efforts on supply chains
  - O Supply Chain Tracing and Engagement Methodologies (STREAMS) project

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPLORATION AND DISCUSSION

- Supply chain related developments
- Potential federal designations/recognition for commercial and industry partners participating in anti-Human Trafficking activities/practices
- · Impact of legislations
  - o Minnesota Legislation
  - New York/New Jersey
  - O Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act
  - o Implications of HR2601 for research and data

# COMMONALITIES

- We all want to end the crime of human trafficking.
- Most organizations use the National Tip Hotline for reporting.
- Human Trafficking Awareness campaigns are gaining momentum in more and more organizations.

# GAPS

- Training
- A better understanding of Human Trafficking and the importance of ending this crime.
- What data expected to collect.
- Reporting where, how and what to report.
- Who owns the data.
- Lack of centralized data portal.
- Lack of cross industry knowledge in transportation sectors - for example, there is little knowledge on the data and information sharing in the Port, trucking/supply chain, bus and ride share sectors.
- Incorporating technology.

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# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Federal legislation mandating Human Trafficking awareness and training program for public, private and non-profit organizations and its employees at all levels. This training should have measures built in to determine the effectiveness of increasing reporting human trafficking after the training.
- Federal legislation mandating state and local government to create Human Trafficking Task Forces
  to assist victims, streamline data intake, and report into a central database. Information potentially
  harmful to a victim will be kept confidential.
- Create one tip hotline for reporting and a standardized protocol for transportation stakeholders to report human trafficking. This tip line should be able to receive text messages as well. This will provide a bank of shareable data and information for research and reporting purposes.
- Create one central database for all reporting. Mandate all data collected on Human Trafficking go
  into one database bi-annually or annually, preferably owned by USDOT or DHS CCHT to capture
  progress, research, and possible actions to take.

# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a template of a reporting outline. This will give a standard outline for multiple entities and jurisdictions taking in the information/reports without risk of hampering analysis.
- Develop measures, such as surveys (traditional or text) to collect date to identify areas of opportunity for more research, data sharing, and data analysis on an annual basis.
- Create a central database of shareable cross-industry information on traffickers organizations (and the type of trafficking), behavior analysis / profiles, convictions, those evading arrest, locations, vehicles and more.
- Encourage transportation sector employers to support employee participation in Human Trafficking research collaboration projects, such as Transportation Research Board projects.

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# CONCLUSION

- The sub-committee on research and data recognizes the hard work put in by others before us. Our work would (probably) have been much harder to complete. Still, there is much more to do.
- We still have more research to complete to produce a quality draft report.
- We have learned as much as we have contributed, and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the overall Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.

# **QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK**

• Questions??

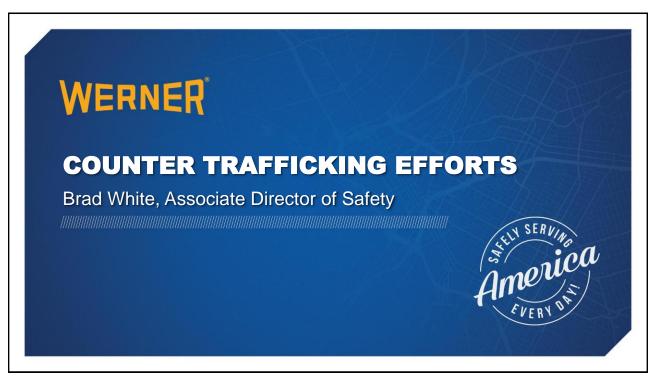
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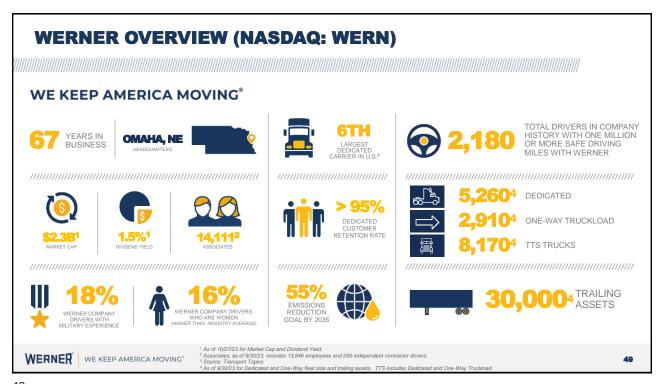


COUNTER-TRAFFICKING IN TRUCKING — WERNER ENTERPRISES: TRAINING, AWARENESS &

PARTNERSHIPS + Q&A







# **COUNTER TRAFFICKING PARTNERSHIPS AND TRAINING**

### 2015

Began partnership with Truckers Against Trafficking

### 2021

Set goal to double driver training by 2025

- Met goal by Q1 2022
- 5,300+ training hours at Werner Enterprises
- 3,200+ training hours at Roadmaster Driving Schools

### 2023

Set goal to train all associates (including acquisitions)

- · Includes office associates and professional drivers
- · On track for completion







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# ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT

### **JULY 2021 TO PRESENT DAY**

- · Established and published anti-trafficking policy to company handbook
  - · Acquisition handbook update expected completion Q1 2024
- Participated in United Against Slavery's National Outreach Survey for Transportation
- Continued partnerships with state and governmental agencies who require equipment for staging to help with targeted trafficking cases
- Recognized the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign for National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11
- Made the National Human Trafficking Hotline available through our Drive Werner Pro app
  - · 120+ calls documented annually to NHTH



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## **GOALS IN 2024**

- Podcast with Truckers Against Trafficking and I've Got A Name (January)
  - Discussion of the role of transportation and community in combating human trafficking
- Rolling out customer and supplier anti-trafficking recognition program
  - Recognize those that play a role in combating human trafficking
  - · Provide assistance for those starting programs
    - · Training, policy, etc.
  - · Continued engagement and training resources
- Adding a Truckers Against Trafficking custom wrapped truck to our fleet



- Assist with transporting the Freedom Drivers Project trailer for Truckers Against Trafficking
  - Coordinated between Werner, ECM Transport, and Baylor Trucking

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# **SUMMARY**

- Longstanding and continued relationship with Truckers Against Trafficking
- · Anti-trafficking policy published
  - Q1 2024: policy extended to ECM, Baylor and Werner Final Mile
- U.S. Department of Transportation's Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) pledge signed by each organization
- · Continued driver and office associate training
- Commitment to continuing efforts to spread awareness among industry and community







Q&A: WERNER ENTERPRISES: TRAINING, AWARENESS & PARTNERSHIPS



TRAINING + AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

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# **Members**

- ACHT Members
  - Heather Healy, Director of Employee Assistance Programs, Association of Flight Attendants
  - Annika Huff, Survivor Advocate Expert
  - Michael Krumm, Subcommittee Chair, Lieutenant Colonel, Michigan State Police
  - o Derrick Waters, CEO, Coach USA
  - Brad White, Associate Director of Safety, Werner Enterprises
- ACHT SC Members (non-ACHT members)
  - Scott Alexander, Subcommittee Vice-Chair, International Relations Director, Houston Airports
  - o Lori Cohen, CEO, Protect All Children from Trafficking

# **General Consensus**



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# FOCUS AREAS

- 1. Law Enforcement
- 2. State DMV
- 3. Airlines
- 4. Rail
- 5. Airports
- 6. Commercial Trucking/Truck Stops
- 7. Law Enforcement
- 8. State DMV
- 9. Airlines
- 10. Rail
- 11. Airports
- 12. Commercial Trucking/Truck Stops

# **PROCESS**

- Personal Knowledge
- Personal Interview
- Review of Curriculum, Documents
- Internet Based Searches
- Physical Inspection of Facilities/airports, planes, stations, infrastructure, etc.

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# **BACKGROUND**

• 2019 report verification and confirmation



# No Longer Active

- Transit: Of the 12 original transit agencies noted in the 2019 for trafficking awareness and outreach efforts, 6 of them no longer contain material that can be publicly accessed. (7 new agencies have launched HT awareness campaigns since the 2019 report)
- . Some of the links to information for the public have been disabled.
- . Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

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# COMMONALITIES

All segments have some form of messaging and training components.

All segments have shown support in fighting human trafficking.

A Victim Centered/Trauma Centered Approach is best practice.

Funding in all segments for training, supplies, employee time is a concern.

# **GAPS**

- We must develop strong partnerships and coalitions with numerous stakeholders to identify opportunities to share best practices
- Standardizing training standards across the board. Training in many sectors is either not complete or fragmented. (Ports and maritime are still working to standardize the Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking training with a majority of ports not yet trained)
- Advances in technology need to be used more widely. (Social Media, QR Codes, Targeted Audience, etc.)

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# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Identify a 3 digit phone number for human trafficking similar to 911.
- Provide training and breakout sessions at conventions and conferences.
- Develop partnerships with Wi-Fi and technology companies to send out human trafficking messages when individuals log onto the Wi-Fi or search for services.
- Ensure all media includes closed captioning in at least two predominant languages.

# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

- Messaging should include information:
  - 1. For the victim that is being solicited/groomed by a trafficker.
  - 2. Reinforce that reports can be anonymous.
  - 3. It it's better to report suspicious situations than remain silent.
- Support legislation requiring trafficking awareness for transportation providers. (Texas has passed legislation requiring 15 minutes of training for rideshare providers, UBER/LYFT).
- Legislation requiring posting to be made in public locations (restrooms)

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# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

- Develop a recommended curriculum for initial and recurrent trainings, sector specific, which serves to logically build upon previous trainings for enhanced knowledge and skill development in identifying and handling suspect trafficking situations.
- Use of transportation publications to promote awareness.
- Ensuring that training/awareness materials should at a minimum address both labor and sex trafficking.

# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

- Continue to enhance and utilize technology
  - 1. QR codes can allow for targeted messaging of training and awareness materials which utilizing signage in profit centers or common areas.
  - 2. Utilize geolocation technology and photos for quicker reporting with potentially less digital footprint for victims (call log/text threads).
  - 3. Allow for more efficient updates of training and awareness materials in a "paperless" world.

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# POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED:

- Develop small, medium and large models for facilities and companies for initiating human trafficking awareness and training.
- Seek grant funding for programs.
  - 1. Florida Highway Heroes Program
  - 2. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
  - 3. BEST has received grants from the DOT to build and distribute the awareness campaign toolkit.

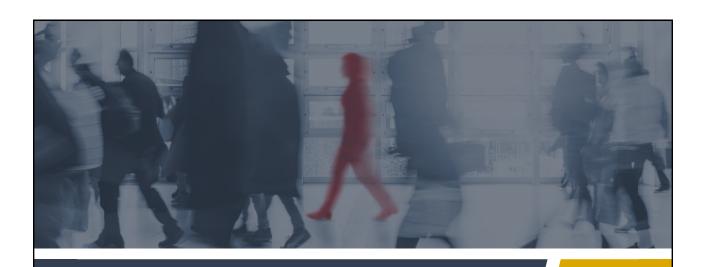
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# DISCUSSION TOPICS/FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

Connection between Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking?

Contradicting research on large event gatherings and the increase in human trafficking activity? (Super Bowl, Major Events)

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** 



