

Advocate for the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2023

SUBJECT: Cosponsor the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2023

ATTACH TO EMAIL: Fact Sheet, Section-By-Section, and Endorsing orgs

DRAFT EMAIL:

Dear [NAME],

As your constituent, I am asking you to prioritize the safety and well-being of our youth in your policy-making decisions. By co-sponsoring the bipartisan Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2023 (S.3125/H.R. 6041), you can play a vital role in making a positive impact on the lives of your young constituents.

Every young person in America deserves a safe, secure, and stable place to call home, along with access to the resources they need to thrive. Unfortunately, one in ten 18 to 25-year-olds and one in thirty 13 to 17-year-olds experience homelessness in our country. These young people are also at a heightened risk of being victimized by human trafficking. The United States has the financial resources to ensure that no young person wakes up uncertain of where they will sleep each night. We must invest in the lives of these young people, to prevent them from experiencing chronic homelessness, intergenerational cycles of poverty, and pervasive instances of trauma.

We can significantly reduce the prevalence of youth homelessness and human trafficking by passing the bipartisan Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2023. This legislation would fully reauthorize and strengthen the existing Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to prevent trafficking, identify survivors, and provide services to runaway, homeless, and disconnected youth. Through the excellent work of local street outreach, shelter, transitional housing, and maternity group homes, RHYA helps youth experiencing homelessness access education, employment, and family reconnection services.

Now is the time for you and other members of Congress to act to help our young people. Together, we can create a safer and more promising future for our youth, break the cycle of homelessness, and provide them with the tools to thrive. That is why I am asking you to cosponsor the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2023.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,