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The Honorable Eric Holder  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530-0009

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I write in support of the application submitted by the International Institute of Buffalo (IIB) for funding from the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking through the U.S. Department of Justice. This funding will help IIB continue their work to combat all forms of human trafficking in Western New York.

Since 1918, the IIB has helped immigrants, refugees, and other individuals who face linguistic and cultural barriers become self-sufficient and active members of our community. Today, the IIB provides critical services to refugees and immigrants, promoting global understanding in Western New York.

The requested funding will support Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force sites that take a comprehensive approach to combating all forms of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking of foreign nationals as well as United States citizens. In 2012 alone, the International Institute of Buffalo was able to serve 51 survivors of human trafficking. By coordinating its efforts with Task Force Members, the IIB will be able to broaden its reach and serve even more individuals.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
United States Senator