



## Endorsing Organizations for Senator Gillibrand's *Trafficking Survivors Relief Act*

*"Trafficking survivors deserve not only justice but also the chance to rebuild their lives without the burden of criminal records. The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act is not just a bill; it's a beacon of hope, offering redemption and opportunity for those who have endured unimaginable horrors. Let us stand together in support of this crucial legislation, ensuring that survivors can move forward with dignity and freedom."* - **Ashlie Bryant, CEO 3Strands Global Foundation**

*"The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act provides critical recourse for survivors to be able to thrive in society while they heal and recover from the trauma of trafficking. To prevent re-trafficking, we have to address all vulnerabilities. This includes addressing survivors' criminal records that prevent them from securing stable housing and employment, particularly when those crimes were likely a result of force or coercion from their trafficker. Among the other key elements of this bill, this alone will change the landscape for survivors in recovery and increase safe and stable opportunities. Hope for Justice is pleased to continue our support of the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act."* – **Sarah Butler, US Programs Director, Hope for Justice**

*"By addressing the lingering consequences of exploitation through record expungement, the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act paves a crucial path towards liberation for survivors" said Tasha Kennard, CEO of Thistle Farms. "The bill's provisions offer renewed hope and opportunity, facilitating survivors' access to safe housing and employment as they heal from the trauma of trafficking."*

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*“Psychological chains are much stronger than physical ones. Survivors are not committing crimes of their own free will and volition. These non-violent crimes are committed under the constant force, fraud, duress and coercion of traffickers. Trafficking survivors should not be held responsible for the crimes of their traffickers. TSRA will provide recourse and a vehicle for vacatur for victims who have been unjustly prosecuted for non-violent crimes. The passage of this federal bill would bring federal procedure into alignment with state procedures which already provide for this relief for state criminal convictions. This opportunity for a fresh and fair start will provide salvation for so many survivors.”*

**- Hollie Nadel, Survivor Leader**

*“The Trafficking Victims Relief Act of 2024 is a much-needed response to the far too common injustice faced by trafficking survivors who are criminalized under federal law as a result of their own trafficking victimization. Unjustly burdening survivors with a criminal record creates barriers to housing, education and other critical needs, and inhibits long term healing, potentially leading to re-exploitation. Shared Hope commends the leadership of Senators Gillibrand and Rubio in championing this critical legislation to address the unjust criminalization of federally prosecuted trafficking survivors.”* – **Christine Raino, Senior Director of Public Policy, Shared Hope International**

*“The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2024 would provide human trafficking victims like myself an opportunity to reach their full potential. Receiving a criminal record as a result of surviving the heinous crime of human trafficking is a major transgression that must be rectified to uphold the epitome of justice in our society. Communities are relying on the criminal justice system to discern righteously. The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act is a critical tool for addressing the unjust criminalization of trafficking survivors, impacting past, current and future survivors of this egregious crime.”* - **Keyana Lynise Marshall, Federally Criminalized Survivor/Advocate/Author**

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*“Victim offender intersectionality (VOI) is at the heart of the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act (TSRA). It is the solution to unjust criminalization when addressing vulnerabilities, years of exploitation, and long-term consequences...consequences impacting a survivor's ability to secure safe housing, employment, education and financial stability. As a survivor leader whose record was cleared at the state level, I understand the importance of a federal remedy to alleviate these long lasting legal effects on survivors, and I strongly support the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act.”* – **Rev. Dr. Marian Hatcher, Survivor Leader**