

ACTION ALERT: Oppose the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act Congress is still considering the re-authorization of the 2000 Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) - now renamed as HR6552 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/BILLS-117hr6552ih>). But this bill is still problematic...

1) The TVPA does nothing to stop trafficking (of any kind) and simply encourages law enforcement to mount prostitution "stings" or "sweeps". The USC Gould Human Rights Institute have produced a major report, "Over-Policing Sex Trafficking: How U.S. Law Enforcement Should Reform Operations"

(<https://humanrightsclinic.usc.edu/2021/11/15/over-policing-sex-trafficking-how-u-s-law-enforcement-should-reform-operations/>), which says "Based on literature and our qualitative and quantitative research, we conclude that (anti-sex trafficking law enforcement) operations are a form of over-policing that re-traumatizes victims, perpetuates systemic racism, and undermines the aims of the TVPA."

2) The re-authorization extends the TVPA to add provisions that would target US citizens already living overseas, and would create a *global database of historic criminal convictions*. It would place every American with a sex offence conviction predating Lawrence v Texas (2003) on a global list of dangerous 'sex tourists'.

3) Previous versions of the reauthorization of the TVPA passed in Congress by waving the House of Representatives rules, so it has *never* gotten a committee hearing. So it has never had any semblance of accountability or proper oversight of the act.

You can find your Congress person at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map>. They usually have an email form on their website where you can tell them your concerns and that you don't support this legislation as is. You could use/modify this draft letter to tell them what you think about the TVPA -