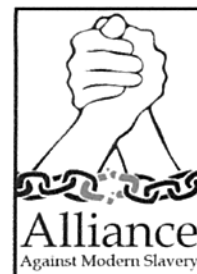


February 5, 2013

Attention: City of Toronto Executive Committee

**Subject: Deputation from the Alliance Against Modern Slavery, a local registered charity (84068 5119 RR0001)**



Since 2008, the Alliance Against Modern Slavery (the Alliance) has worked in partnership to combat modern slavery and human trafficking by collecting resources, building programs, and creating alliances among a network of local and global partners so that every person has the opportunity for sustainable freedom. We are aware of dozens of cases of human trafficking in Canada, including in Toronto, for the purposes of forced labour, forced sex and forced marriage.

As such, we are encouraged by the City of Toronto's commitment to working in collaboration with anti-trafficking organizations to increase awareness of human trafficking while simultaneously working to eradicate the practice itself.

In particular, we support recommendations to collect data, improve training, and coordinate efforts to ensure services are available to victims.

At the moment, there is an urgent need for data about trends and gaps on sex, labour and marriage trafficking in Toronto. Many of our board and executive members have conducted scholarly research on slavery and human trafficking. This work reveals that it is critical that any data collection be undertaken using solid, strategic research methods, and then disseminated to as wide an audience as possible. Furthermore, more in-depth comprehensive training is necessary for all sectors. This March 18-22, the Alliance and its partners will be hosting a 5-day human trafficking training session in Toronto. Lastly, there is a clear need for coordination of services available to victims within the context of a Toronto-wide strategy. Studies and best practice models show this will work most effectively through continued collaboration between government, vulnerable communities, survivors, NGOs/front-line service providers and law enforcement personnel.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have, and commend the City of Toronto's Executive Committee for their commitment to taking a stand against human trafficking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karlee Sapoznik".

Karlee Sapoznik  
President / CEO / Co-Founder of the Alliance Against Modern Slavery

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN TARGETED AT PATRONS:  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING – A Perspective from a Concerned Citizen

By: Carly Romano

As a world-class city, Toronto has a duty to take on issues that affect the international stage. Human trafficking (also known as slavery), is an issue that affects Toronto from a global and domestic perspective. As a destination city, Toronto sees countless victims of sex slavery from all over the world populating its establishments. What is even more surprising, however, is that slaves are being taken from within Canada's borders as well. Canadian victims are populating Canadian establishments making this issue very relevant to the largest city in Canada.

The slavery industry has become so massive and profitable, that it can no longer be ignored. The immense scale of this industry also indicates that everyday men have become the purchasers and (and abusers) of slavery victims. Our society accepts purchasing sex and therefore men would not think twice about (for example) attending a bachelor party for a strip club. They may think that these women are trying to put themselves through university or other such ideas, but the fact is that many of them are slaves. These victims are being tortured and coerced by debt bondage or threats or physical/sexual/mental abuse. Many of these victims are also children too young to be making a decision to enter sex work. I believe that most men are not aware of this fact and if they were, then they would think twice about patroning these establishments.

If you ask the average person if they have ever been to a strip club, the chances are pretty good that they have. But did these people realize that they were funding the abuse and torture of the women? Likely not. I think if people were educated through an advertising campaign, many would feel more responsible for their part in the torture these women suffer. Education is the only way to make patrons realize that they are playing their part in torturing the slaves. Through the

smiles and flirtations, these women are suffering horrible pain and instead of encouraging patrons to be indifferent, educating them as to the consequences of their actions will go a long way to stopping the abuse. If the demand stops, the supply will too.

Human trafficking needs to be stopped at the source: the demand side. Frequently, this issue is approached from the supply side (how to help the victims and stop their entry), but this is an inefficient means of approaching the issue, as there will always be a supply as long as the demand exists. Only once the demand has been addressed, will any real progress be made and Toronto has an opportunity to be a leader in that progress. If a patron sees an advertisement that makes him think twice about his part in the torture of the slaves, then the money would be well spent.

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Subject: Deputation on Human Trafficking

Hello, my name is Shoshawnah Lautenschlager and I would like to write to you about how I learned about modern slavery.

Five years ago I began the process of attaining a post-secondary education at York University. Many topics interested me but my focus quickly centred on the Atlantic Slave Trade. I could not imagine why people would allow and justify slavery in any form to continue. However, I knew that there was a happy ending. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade was abolished in Britain in 1807 and over the next 100 years across the globe. This is what I thought, this is what I read in the history books, and this is what I was taught by my Professors. This was not true. Slavery still exists today.

For four years I studied the history of slavery believing that it was in the past but a year ago I found out that it still existed. Modern slavery is more abundant yet less known. The reason is because people do not know it still exists, the general population believes that it is a dark part of our history not realizing that it is millions of people's reality. There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today totalling an estimated \$32 billion global industry. Our government needs to do something about this. I am asking for action to take place. In Toronto we are not immune to human trafficking: it is a source, transit, and destination city for slavery in all its forms. Do you not think that it is a time for change? Will you not help to put an end to the suffering within in our city?

I believe the first step is to spread awareness of human trafficking. In Canada the 3 main forms are: forced labour, forced sex, and forced marriage. We also must have research on the issue in order to allow people to get informed. I also believe that to do any of this our municipal, provincial and federal government must unite forces in order to fund groups to combat slavery in any way. Let us put an end to modern slavery.

Sincerely,

Shoshawnah Lautenschlager, a concerned citizen  
North York