



BUCKS COUNTY
WOMEN'S
ADVOCACY COALITION

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via email

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A Woman's Place
AAUW Doylestown Branch
AAUW Levittown-Lower Bucks Branch
Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
Bucks County Commissioners' Advisory Council for Women
Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
Bucks County Housing Group
Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22
Bucks County WIB, Inc.
BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Peace and Justice Committee
Child, Home & Community
Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
Family Service Association of Bucks County
Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania
Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks
Keystone Progress
Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County
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League of Women Voters of Bucks County
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Makefield Area Action Fund of AAUW
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NAACP, Bucks County Branch
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Network of Victim Assistance
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Quality Child Care Coalition of Bucks County
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The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania
The Peace Center
Women's Center of Montgomery County
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PARTNER INDIVIDUALS

More Than 100 Individual Partners
and Growing

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Dear Senators Casey and Toomey,

Victims of human trafficking deserve help not divisive politics. Partners of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition were horrified to learn that some in the Senate are using the previously bi-partisan supported S.178 bill to further their anti-abortion agenda rather than to really help women and girls caught in the scourge of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is modern day slavery where young girls and women are held captive and forced to have sex to an average of 13 "buyers" a day. Seven out of 10 women report to have at least one pregnancy and one-fifth report five or more pregnancies while being trafficked.

Human trafficking is an ugly, dehumanizing business that needs the full support of our government to prevent it and help the victims that do get caught in it.

Now we hear from Senator McConnell that the nomination of Loretta Lynch for Attorney General will be held hostage until S.178 is passed. Women and girls deserve more respect and compassion than this from our government.

Please demand that the divisive abortion amendment attached to S.178 be removed immediately and pass a bill that helps the victims of human trafficking.

Additionally, we would support the passage of S.262, the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act, to strengthen the criminal justice system's ability to combat human trafficking and expand access to services. Again, these bills should not become fodder for the anti-abortion movement. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Tam St. Claire
President