

Election Resource from the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

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The advocacy working group of the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is pleased to share a resource, <https://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org/take-action/opportunities-for-action/2018-midterm-elections>, to help voters prepare for the 2018 elections by reflecting on the call to end human trafficking.

We hope that you will use this guide as a tool to see how candidates in the 2018 mid-term election have responded, or plan to respond, to the grave sin of human trafficking. Using quotations from Catholic teaching as a guide, we encourage you to research candidates' commitment to do the hard work necessary to eradicate human trafficking. If you are unsure of where the candidates stand on the various aspects of human trafficking, consider searching their campaign websites, raising the issue at campaign events, or writing to them using the contact information you can find on their websites.

Human Trafficking, <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>, also referred to as modern-day slavery, is the use of force, fraud, or coercion in an effort to exploit someone for some type of labor or a commercial sex act.

The International Labor Organization, <http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/forced-labour/lang--en/index.htm>, estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking around the world, including 24.9 million in forced labor and 15.4 million in forced marriage. We have a moral responsibility to end modern slavery around the world, and we must elect candidates who will work to eradicate human trafficking by providing support for funding for survivor services and anti-trafficking education, harsher penalties for traffickers, and holding individuals and businesses accountable for actions and that contribute to human trafficking.

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