Support SB3007
The Survivor Support and Trafficking Prevention Act
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(Passed Senate 49-1; Passed House 107-0)

Foreign-born victims of trafficking, torture and other serious crimes are eligible to legalize their immigration status and obtain employment authorization but the process may take months or even years. During this time, when a victim is leaving their trafficking situation or seeking safety, they are highly vulnerable to further exploitation and harm.

Victims of trafficking, torture and other serious crimes desperately need a safe place to live, adequate food, immediate attention to their physical and mental health needs, and an opportunity to stabilize their lives as they cooperate with law enforcement, adjust their immigration status, and obtain work authorization.

How would SB3007 help?
SB3007 provides immigrant survivors of human trafficking, torture and other serious crimes with access to critical services while they are waiting to be processed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

SB3007 would serve as a “bridge,” helping a small number of persons in great need during the time before they adjust their immigration status and receive work authorization.

- Under existing law, immigrant victims of trafficking, torture and other serious crimes are granted work authorization and access to federal public benefits once federal certification is obtained.

- Current processing time is over 5 months for T Visas and over 16 months for U visas.

- SB3007 would provide access to state-funded SNAP, TANF and Medicaid assistance for up to one year while the victim is preparing his or her visa or asylum application.

- Victims would remain eligible for benefits while awaiting a final decision on their visas as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements for the programs.

- Once a final decision is received the victim would be transitioned to federally-funded public benefit programs if eligible.

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The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 399 calls from Illinois in 2015
**Supportive Organizations**

Administer Justice  
AFIRE Chicago  
Arab American Action Network  
Arab American Family Services  
ARISE Chicago  
ApnaGhar, Inc. (Our Home)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Braking Traffik  
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council  
Catholic Conference of Illinois  
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation  
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless  
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network  
City First Ministries  
Cook County Health and Hospitals System  
Communities United  
Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago  
ENLACE  
EverThrive Illinois  
Greater Chicago Food Depository  
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights  
Hoyleton Youth & Family Services  
Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan  
Illinois Clemency Project for Battered Women  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Organization for Adolescents (IOFA)  
Indo-American Center  
Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking Chicago  
Jewish Federation  
Latino Policy Forum  
Latino Union of Chicago  
Legal Council for Health Justice  
Metropolitan Family Services  
Mujeres Latinas enAcción  
Muslim Women’s Resource Center  
Open Communities  
Ounce of Prevention Fund  
Planned Parenthood of Illinois  
NCJW Chicago North Shore  
National Council of Jewish Women Illinois State Policy Advocacy Network  
Project IRENE  
Reach77  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
SEIU Healthcare Illinois  
Syrian Community Network  
Tapestry Fellowship Church  
The Chicago Central District Church of the Nazarene  
United African Organization  
Uptown People’s Law Center

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**Current Best Case Scenario:** The period of time between when a foreign-born trafficking victim leaves their trafficking situation & when they are legally authorized to work and receive the supports they need to rebuild their lives could be over 1 year.

**SB3007 will provide critical supports in this window of time when victims are at greatest risk.**