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Angela F. Williams, president and CEO of United Way Worldwide, discusses the achievements of United Way's Center to Combat Human Trafficking at the launch of *Trust by Performance: United Businesses and Philanthropy Against Trafficking*, a co-branded report by United Way Worldwide and the U.S. Chamber.

The report stresses the critical role that businesses and philanthropic sectors play to combat this heinous crime.



Julie Abraham, director of the Office of International Transportation and Trade at the U.S. Department of Transportation, says that aviation employees are trained to recognize and report suspected instances of human trafficking to law enforcement.



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Karinda L. Washington, executive director of Social Impact & Campaigns at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), highlights the Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI), a joint program of DHS and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

BLI is committed to providing relevant and impactful human trafficking resources to the aviation industry.

Nicole Bambas, program manager for trade and investment at the Office of International Trade and Transportation at the U.S. Department of Transportation, highlights the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) initiative.

TLAHT is an effort to combat human trafficking in the transportation sector by maximizing the industry’s collective impact through leadership, training and education, policy development, public awareness, and information sharing and analysis.



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Left to right: Michael E. Camal, senior adviser, Blue Lightning Initiative, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Scott Alexander, director of international relations, Houston Airport System; Christopher R. Bidwell, senior vice president, security, Airports Council International—North America; Skiffington Holderness, director of government affairs, Delta Air Lines; Melanie Herman, director of corporate security, Cape Air; and Keturah Johnson, international vice president, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO.

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Michael E. Camal, senior adviser at the Blue Lightning Initiative at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, moderates a conversation about promising practices in aviation with private industry stakeholders.

These practices include training airport employees and vendors on human trafficking indicators, creating mandatory anti-human trafficking training for flight attendants, and investing in personnel training for private air carriers.



Thomas Ruck, senior adviser of DHS' Blue Campaign, moderates a panel on promising practices in ground transportation. These practices include educational programs and strategic messaging that inform the public about trafficking indicators and provide resources to victims.

Left to right: Thomas Ruck, senior adviser, Blue Campaign, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; James Lewis, communications manager, Amtrak Police Department; Jeff Lenard, vice president of strategic industry initiatives, National Association of Convenience Stores; Annie Sovcik, senior director of programs & strategic initiatives, Truckers Against Trafficking; and Elise Maiolino, global head of women's safety policy, Uber.



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Lisa Caselli, officer and program manager of the Travel and Tourism Initiatives Office at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, discusses why human trafficking is one of the hardest crimes for law enforcement to investigate as authorities have to earn and gain the trust and cooperation of the survivor.

Derek Miller, government relations manager, American Association of Port Authorities, stresses the importance of working with maritime tenants to help spread awareness about human trafficking.

Left to right: Sterling Wiggins, senior director of transportation, infrastructure, and supply chain policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Sam Cho, commissioner, Port of Seattle; and Derek Miller, government relations manager, American Association of Port Authorities.



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Robert Beiser, director of the strategic initiative on sex trafficking at Polaris, highlights how human traffickers recruit victims through social media.

Traffickers leverage information on the internet exploiting vulnerabilities, grooming individuals by offering empathy and support, forming emotional connections, and building trust and confidence.



Maha Alkhateeb, senior adviser, Office of International Transportation and Trade at the U.S. Department of Transportation, encourages business owners to sign DOT’s Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) Pledge.

By signing the pledge, signatories promise to educate employees and organization members how to recognize and report trafficking signs, raise awareness by using messaging in targeted outreach campaigns, and measure, track, and share data.



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Shamere McKenzie, chief executive officer, Sun Gate Foundation, was lured into sex trafficking when she was 21 and a student at St. John’s University in New York after she got involved with a man who later became her pimp. She calls herself a liberator, not a victim or survivor, and has worked in the anti-human trafficking field for over 13 years.

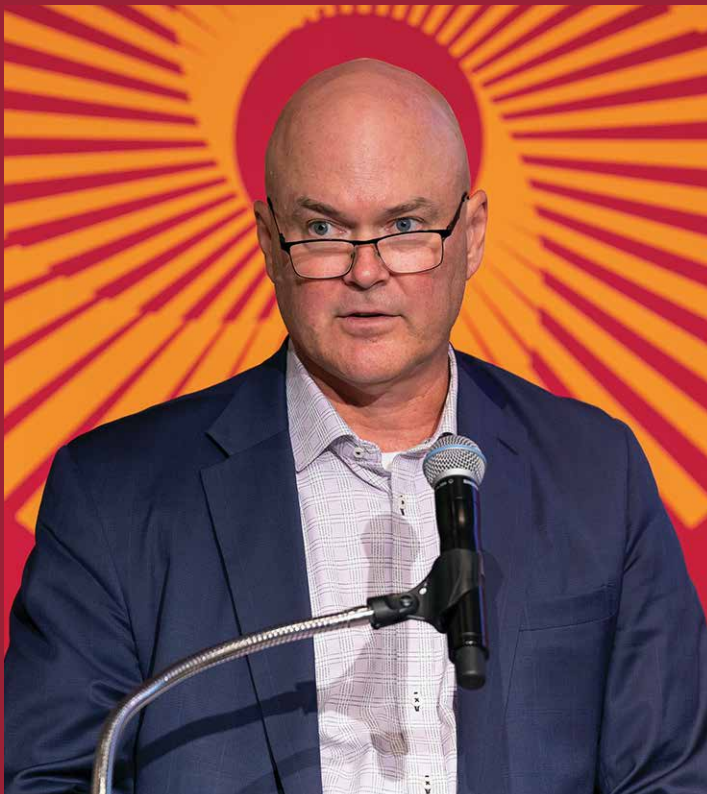


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Stefan Marculewicz, shareholder and co-chair, Business and Human Rights Practice Group, Littler Mendelson P.C., stresses that businesses play a crucial role in detecting and remedying forced labor in supply chains.

He says that legislation mandating reporting requirements for supply chain due diligence is concerning as a one-size-fits-all approach may hinder voluntary efforts by the private sector.



Glenn Spencer, senior vice president of the Employment Policy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, talks about the activities of the organization's Task Force to Eradicate Human Trafficking.

The task force is an advisory group made up of members who work with the federal government and the private sector to develop commonsense solutions on how to prevent this heinous crime and speak with one voice.



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Alicia Ley, fellowship program manager at Survivor Alliance (right), speaks about the Pembroke Fellowship, a joint program between United Way Worldwide and Survivor Alliance. The fellowship is designed to enhance survivor representation in the anti-trafficking sector.

Abbe Horswill (center), director of human rights and social impact at Marriott International, and Eliza McCoy, vice president of awareness and prevention programs at the American Hotel and Lodging Association Foundation, are ambassadors for the Pembroke Fellowship.

Michael Harley, managing director of business intelligence and cybersecurity at The Next Solutions Group, provides remarks on the importance of instilling good behaviors at home, including having a discussion with young adults about the harmful effects of sex trafficking.



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Heather Bellino, chief executive officer at the Texas Advocacy Project, highlights the organization's work in providing legal and social services, housing, employment, education, and financial empowerment to human trafficking survivors in Texas.



Ashleigh Chapman, founder and CEO of the Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice (left), interviews Kendis Paris, director of grantmaking strategy at the UPS Foundation, about UPS' anti-human trafficking activities.

UPS partners with Truckers Against Trafficking to educate, equip, and empower employees to recognize and report potential trafficking incidences and Wellspring Living in Atlanta to provide employment opportunities to survivors.



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Melisa Cox, president and CEO of the Ankeny Area (IA) Chamber of Commerce (right), says that when Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate asked the Ankeny Chamber to join the Iowa Business Against Trafficking Initiative (IBAT), signing up was a no-brainer.

Sara Armstrong, vice president and managing director of the Federation Relations and Grassroots Advocacy Division at the U.S. Chamber, works with chambers across the country to promote their local initiatives on a national scale.

Cardell T. Morant, director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Countering Human Trafficking, highlights the role that the center plays in investigating incidents, supporting victims, training law enforcement partners, and enforcing trade laws related to trafficking. The center facilitates intergovernmental coordination and engages with the private sector to disrupt trafficking incidences.

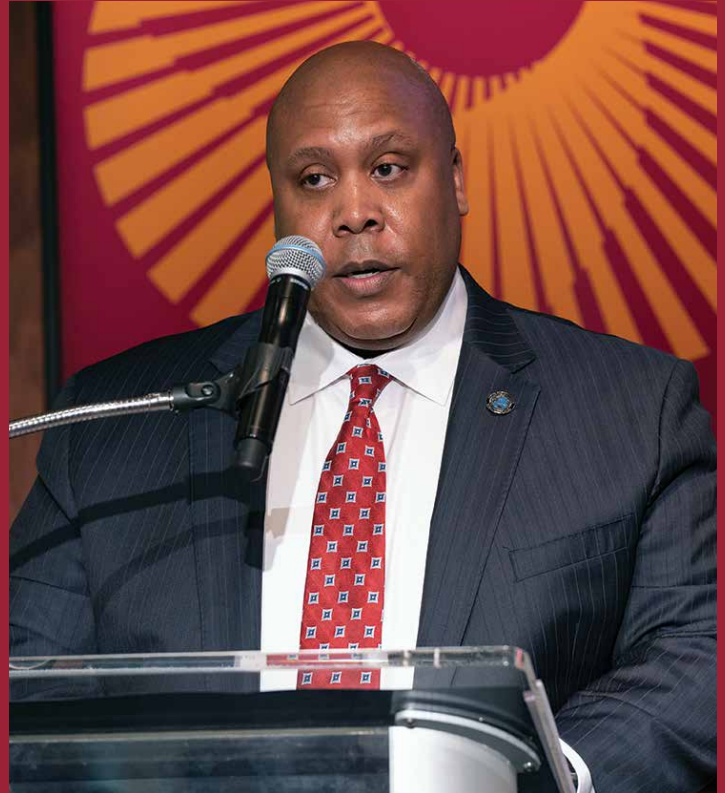


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Charity Morse, research analyst at Counter Forced Labor Technologies (left), asks Donna Edwards, first lady of Louisiana (center), about the importance of educating others on the dangers of sex trafficking.

First lady Edwards leads the National Coalition for the Prevention of Human Sex Trafficking, which raises awareness through outreach, government policy, and strategic communications and gives survivors a voice.

First lady of Georgia Marty Kemp sits on the National Coalition for the Prevention of Human Sex Trafficking advisory board and leads the charge to end human trafficking in the state through the Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education (GRACE) Commission. She spearheaded the passage of eight pieces of anti-human trafficking legislation.



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Michael Billet, director of policy research in the Employment Policy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, says that the mission of the organization's Task Force to Eradicate Human Trafficking is to educate member companies on forced labor risks.

Thea Lee, deputy undersecretary for international affairs at the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) at the U.S. Department of Labor, stresses the importance of the rights of workers in addressing and remedying instances of forced labor.



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Left to right: David Niccolini, partner and shareholder at Evidencity, Inc., interviews Neil Giles, chief executive officer at Traffik Analysis Hub, about a case study of supply chain audits pertaining to palm oil shipments from Malaysia.

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Marcia Eugenio, director of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) in the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs, presents on the 2022 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Sweat & Toil reports.

These reports identify goods made with forced labor and regions vulnerable to human trafficking.



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Eric Choy, executive director for trade remedy and law enforcement at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), highlights the agency's role in balancing the facilitation of legitimate commerce while preventing goods produced with forced labor from entering the U.S.

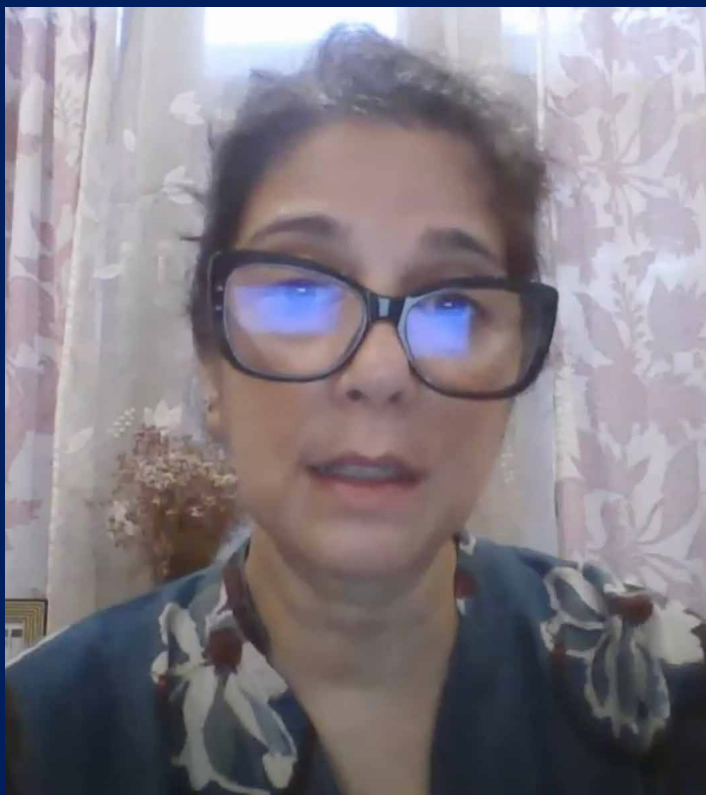
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Erin Donar, vice president for communications at the National Beer Wholesalers Association, emphasizes the role of NBWA in combating human trafficking through the Distributors Against Human Trafficking initiative.

Heimark Distributing, LLC; A21; NBWA; and the U.S. Chamber released a toolkit to educate individuals on how to identify labor trafficking indicators in convenience stores.



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Pia Oberoi, senior advisor on migration and human rights (Asia Pacific) at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, provides an overview of the report *Online Scam Operations and Trafficking Into Forced Criminality in Southeast Asia: Recommendations for a Human Rights Response*.

To prevent individuals from being trafficked into online scam operations (e.g., online gambling), businesses should ensure transparent and strict requirements for third-party recruiters.



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