



# HT Round-table Meeting

Suggestions for Congresswoman Lois Frankel

**July 12, 2013**

July 15, 2013

Dear Congresswoman Frankel,

In response to the July 12 meeting in West Palm Beach:

It was a distinct pleasure and honor to be invited to participate in the round table meeting that you conducted on Friday, July 12. The meeting was extremely informative and I can see the creation of a vital force working to end modern slavery in the area – and in the state of Florida.

Thank you for the links for grant assistance for non-profits. We are indeed in need of this. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

I would like to share my thoughts as well as offer some suggestions after thinking about all that was said when reviewing my notes.

I understand that during the 2012 session, the FL General Assembly passed legislation making training of law enforcement and other first responder agencies a priority. I shared this with our Board of Directors and they are in agreement that holding our 2014 National Trafficking in America Conference in your District is a good idea. I will let you know the details once they are finalized. I will send you the DVD's of the last conference so you can see what our conferences are about. They will be ready in a few weeks.

We are creating the TAITF-Alliance to bring together NGO's from across America. So, I'll be contacting the HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION of the PALM BEACHES to engage them with TIATF so we can offer our part to help your district.

I will be making suggestions for other cities and states to use the recently passed legislation that was passed limiting the hours that Massage Parlors can operate and prohibiting people from living on the premises –a law that each state should institute, as well as similar regulation for known enterprises of human trafficking. It is brilliant legislation!

TIATF would like to offer the following additional suggestions towards to creation of your plan to fight human trafficking:

1. Make human trafficking curriculum mandatory curriculum in the Palm Beach area schools. I would like to connect you to National Educators to Stop Trafficking (NEST), an on-line warehouse of curriculum for educators. As a forerunner to mandatory curriculum, this can be easily incorporated into the schools without interfering with current curriculum that have teachers so overloaded and give them an opportunity to pick and choose what is right for their students.
2. More awareness of the T-visa's available to international victims. This is especially a problem in your area with the immigrant population. Prosecuting cases is imperative and the visas need to be utilized to keep the victims here to testify.

3. After the meeting, I asked several local people if there is a John School in the area and no one knew. I researched this and find none so I would like to make an introduction to the DA's office with Assistant, D.A., Antoinette Welch who runs the Davidson County (Nashville, TN) John School, the model for the country. Her success rate is higher than any other John School. Funds received from the Johns to attend the mandatory 1 day school can go to the NGO's in the area to help them continue their work.
4. Additionally, I will mail you a copy of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations 2011 report that was the first state-wide report conducted to understand the reality of what they were dealing with in TN. It is phenomenal and each state should conduct the report. It can be easily adapted to your district if you want to introduce it and modify it for your purposes.

Thank you for your service in moving forward with ending this horrific crime and injustice against humanity in your area. If I can be of service, please let me know.

Respectfully,  
Here to Serve,

Yvonne Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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