



Dear Manager,

In 2007 the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes adopted a corporate stance against human trafficking. As a member or an Associate of the Congregation, I am writing to you today to share my concerns about this horrible criminal activity and its impact on victims. Your business is part of the hospitality sector where staff are very likely to come in contact with the victims of sex trafficking and are therefore able to assist our government in addressing this crime and rescuing victims, especially children.

It is sad but true that in our country people are being bought, sold and smuggled like modern day slaves. Human trafficking, a form of modern slavery, involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to exploit human beings for the purposes of labor or commercial sex. Children at increasingly younger ages are among some of the most vulnerable victims.

Many major corporations in the hospitality sector of the economy are working to create an ethical policy against commercial sexual exploitation of children (see [ECPAT](#)). They are training their staff to help identify potential victims of trafficking, are partnering with law and justice departments of our government in the enforcement of the [Traffic Victims Protection Act](#), and are becoming advocates for social services that meet the needs of victims. As of June 2014, over 1200 businesses in 52 countries have [signed](#) a Code of Conduct (called [The Code](#)). If your company has not yet done so, I urge you to promote and protect human rights by recommending that your company adopt The Code. If your organization has already signed The Code and implemented its six action steps I applaud your ethical practices and will most certainly recommend your business to family and friends.

Please share my correspondence with the Chief Executive Officer of your corporation so that senior management can learn of my commitment to ending human trafficking and can respond to my concerns. By taking action to eradicate human trafficking, especially the sexual exploitation of children, your company will uphold human rights and serve as an ethical member of the business community.

Sincerely yours,

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