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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned by reports that slave auctions are taking place in at least nine locations across Libya. If confirmed, these reports suggest that slave traders are exploiting Libya's political instability and forcing migrants and refugees into servitude.

The internationally recognized Libyan Government of National Accord (GNA) in Tripoli has acknowledged that these slave auctions are taking place. But given its limited capacity, the GNA has asked the international community for assistance in shutting down these auctions and holding slave traders accountable. We therefore urge you to discuss strategies for eliminating slavery with GNA Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj when he visits the Oval Office this week and to make the elimination of slavery within Libya an integral part of U.S. policy towards that country. This issue will similarly be raised with the prime minister in congressional meetings with him.

There are presently more than 27 million people enslaved worldwide. This scourge on humanity knows no borders or boundaries. It is imperative that the U.S. continue to lead in the fight to end modern slavery.

Sincerely,



Bob Corker  
United States Senator



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Cc: Secretary Rex Tillerson  
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