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Human Trafficking in the News

Solving prostitution

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL adopted a resolution last week urging the worldwide decriminalization of prostitution, and D.C. Council member David Grosso (I-At Large) was among many to applaud the vote: He announced that he is considering introducing matching legislation this fall. Amnesty International and Mr. Grosso are well intentioned but wrong: The policy would do more to hurt victims of sex trafficking than it would to help them.

How Amnesty International has voted against all of us

On Tuesday, Amnesty International, the international human rights group, voted to adopt a new policy that supports the global decriminalization of prostitution. This is a setback for those of us who oppose exploitation, and for us at Educate and Empower Kids who are fighting to help further healthy attitudes about sexual intimacy.

Iowa duo sentenced for sex trafficking, torture in Virginia

Two Iowa residents were sentenced to decades in prison Friday for forcing a young woman into prostitution and torturing her, leaving her with physical and psychological scars that a judge said might never heal.

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TAT responds to new Amnesty International policy on prostitution

by Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director


On August 11 of this year, Amnesty International voted to adopt a policy that urges nations to decriminalize the sex industry...essentially supporting the legalization of prostitution. Harm reduction is the greatest rationale they use to justify their policy. The thinking is that if all aspects of prostitution were decriminalized, there would be more monitoring; stigma would be removed; healthcare provided; protections built in; and life would be good and fair to those prostituted. But that thinking and policy have not proven true in the countries that have adopted this policy.

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WE OFTEN USE THE WORD PIMP VERY CASUALLY IN OUR SOCIETY. WE TAKE LIGHTLY ALL OF THE MEANING BEHIND THE WORD. WE FORGET THAT PIMPS RECRUIT YOUNG, VULNERABLE WOMEN, BOYS, AND GIRLS. WE FORGET THAT PIMPS PREY ON THE INSECURITIES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM. WE FORGET THAT PIMPS REGULARLY BEAT, BRUISE, AND TORTURE THOSE UNDER THEIR CONTROL. WE FORGET THAT PIMPS RAPE FOR PROFIT AND CONTROL.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT...

PIMPS ARE TRAFFICKERS



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TAT travels extensively in August to educate, equip, empower and mobilize

Staff from Truckers Against Trafficking and the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) criss-crossed the country again during August. Highlights from major events attended included:

West Virginia Coalition Build

TAT co-hosted a coalition build with the West Virginia Attorney General's Office on Aug. 4, with a full house of law enforcement and trucking industry members collaborating about closing loopholes to traffickers in their area. [Click](#) to read more.



Idaho Trucking Association Conference



Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, traveled to McCall, Idaho in early August to present the TAT message at the annual conference of the Idaho Trucking Association. [Click](#) to read more.

Council of State Governments-West annual meeting

At the invitation of Colorado State

Senator Nancy Todd, three TAT staffers, Kendis Paris, Helen Van Dam and Laura Cyrus, joined the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) at the Vail, Colorado annual meeting of the 13-Western state Council of State Governments in late July. "Our thanks to Senator Todd for inviting TAT out to the 4 Eagle Ranch as part of the CSG West Annual Meeting. It was by far the prettiest place the FDP has ever been parked," said Paris, TAT executive director.



The FDP had a beautiful backdrop at the Council of State Governments West meeting.

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Johns Manville Transportation Team



Johns Manville showed its support for TAT by inviting the TAT and the Freedom Drivers Project to present to their transportation team on Aug. 10. Laura Cyrus, TAT administrative specialist, presented a training to the transportation team, and Helen Van Dam, FDP director, welcomed the team and other employees to tour the FDP, as they braved a torrential Colorado downpour.

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Mississippi Safety Management Council

Helen Van Dam, director of the Freedom Drivers Project, spoke to members of the Mississippi Trucking Association Safety Council about the vital role they have to play in combating domestic sex trafficking Aug. 20. [Click](#) to read more.



Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference



Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, spoke to an overflow crowd of about 70 people at the Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime conference in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The conference drew a mixture of professionals

from corrections/probation/parole, education, judicial, law enforcement, the medical field, non-profit organizations, prosecution and social services. "There was great interest in TAT and all the trucking industry is doing to fight the crime of human trafficking," Thompson said.

Michigan Trucking Association

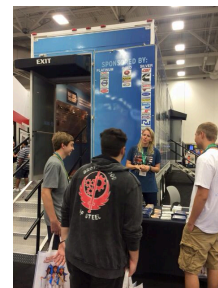


Captain Mike Krumm of the Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, co-presented at the Michigan Trucking Association annual conference in Traverse City, MI on Aug. 29. [Click](#) to read more.

GATS

"Whether it was hearing firsthand stories from truck drivers about calls they've made that led to victims being recovered, or new partnerships we formed, or our outstanding TAT board meeting and strategy session taking place in person, or the hundreds of truck drivers we met, laughed and cried with as we handed out materials, or the 1278 people who toured the Freedom Drivers Project, GATS 2015 reminded us of why TAT exists in the first place," shared Kendis Paris, TAT executive director.

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Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, talked with folks as they exited the FDP.

Visit TAT at the WIT Accelerate Conference

Stop by and visit TAT at our booth at Women in Trucking's inaugural Accelerate! Conference & Expo Sept. 20-22 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, TX. The conference will cover critical transportation issues and trends, along with perspectives of the positive impact women can have on the industry. Anyone who believes the gender balance should be changed in the industry should attend.



New TAT t-shirt available

Show your support for TAT by purchasing the new "Proud to Be a TAT" T-shirt, available through our [on-line store](#).



From L to R: TAT staffers Helen Van Dam, Kendis Paris, and Laura Cyrus model the new "Proud to be a TAT" t-shirts.

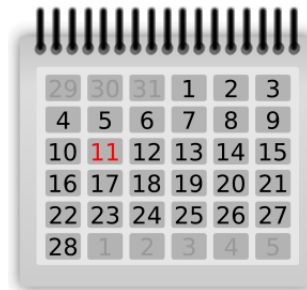
Upcoming Events

Sept. 4 - North Carolina Safety and Human Resources/Tech and Maintenance Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, presenting

Sept. 6 - FDP at Bear Valley Church, Denver, CO, Helen Van Dam, FDP director, attending

Sept. 14 - Berkshire Hathaway Summit, Columbus, OH, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, presenting

Sept. 15 - Tennessee Trucking Association annual conference, Destin, FL, Kylla



Lanier, TAT deputy director, presenting

Sept. 15 - Washington Trucking Association Leadership Conference, Tulalip, WA, Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, presenting

Sept. 17 - Texas Trucking Association Safety Management Council, Kerrville, TX, Kirsta Melton, Texas Assistant Attorney General, presenting

Sept. 17 - Arkansas Trucking Seminar, Rogers, AR, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, presenting

Sept. 18 - Human Trafficking Aware-a-Thon, St. Peter Catholic Church, Monument, CO, Laura Cyrus, TAT administrative specialist, presenting

Sept. 18-19 - New Mexico Trucking Association fundraiser, Albuquerque, NM, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, presenting

Sept. 20-22 - WIT Accelerate Conference and Expo, Dallas, TX, Helen Van Dam, FDP director, attending

Sept. 21 - Google Conference, Cincinnati, OH, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, presenting

Sept. 22 - IACA Conference, Denver, CO, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, participating

Sept. 27-28 - Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Conference, San Diego, CA, Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, and Helen Van Dam, FDP director attending



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