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Slaughter pledges \$600k to fight human trafficking

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Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter has announced a \$600,000 grant to the Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.


The grant, to be disbursed over the course of three years, was made through the Department of Justice, stemming from the Slaughter sponsored Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). Signed into law in 2000, the TVPA aims to assist victims of human trafficking through preventative investigation, protection and prosecution for trafficking. The Worker Justice Center, formerly Farmworker Legal Services of Inc., provides legal assistance for victims of human trafficking in the

agricultural industry.


"We have an obligation to help the most vulnerable among us, and that includes the survivors of human trafficking right here in Western New York," said Slaughter, in a statement. "I'm proud to have helped write the law that made this major federal award possible so that the Workers Justice Center can continue their important work. We will make sure this organization has the tools it needs to help local survivors."

This secured funding is part of a stream of grants nationwide tailored to fighting human trafficking, as part of DOJ's Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Grant Program. Other recipients of past grants from the program include the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the International Institute of Buffalo and McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center in Onondaga County.


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