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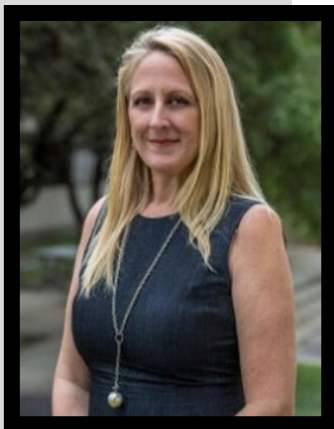
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Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to Keynote Childproof America Luncheon



Ken Paxton is the 51st attorney general of Texas. He was elected on November 4, 2014, and sworn into office on January 5, 2015.

His first major initiative as attorney general was the formation of a special unit dedicated to combating human trafficking in Texas. During its first year of existence, the Human Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime (HTTOC) section helped arrest the chief executive officer of Backpage.com, the largest online sex-trafficking marketplace in the United States.



Special Presentation by Kimberly Grabert

Director, Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation for Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

State officials launched a long overdue new initiative to help victims of sex trafficking. Kim Grabert has been named the state's first ever Director of Human Trafficking Prevention. She is leading the charge for more funding and resources to address this issue that is a priority for Houston and other cities statewide. A recent University of Texas study estimated the state has more than 300,000 human trafficking victims. *"The largest hurdle initially is to have everybody have an understanding of this issue of sex trafficking," Grabert said. "Texas is at a place where I think we've been building up to this conversation, and I think now is the right time to have staff in positions to address it."*



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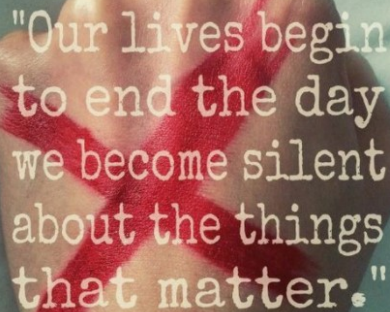
Congressman Mike McCaul Invites Childproof America to the Blue Campaign Panel

The Blue Campaign provides tools to federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as private sector organizations to increase awareness of the signs of human trafficking. *H.R. 1370, the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017*

"Human trafficking is a horrific crime that is an affront to America's core values, a gross violation of human rights, and a matter of national security. The bipartisan bill the House passed (Jan. 11th) helps protect victims of human trafficking and bolsters law enforcement resources to better identify and defend against this tragic situation and the threat it poses."
- Congressman Mike McCaul



Cheryl Stalinsky, Childproof America Board Member, Congressman Mike McCaul, Kelly Litvak, Director Childproof America



"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

> **HOUSE PASSES MCCAUL'S BILL TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House unanimously passed H.R. 4708, the DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BLUE CAMPAIGN AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017_ [12]. This bipartisan bill, introduced by House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX), helps protect victims of human trafficking by providing the right tools to federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as private sector organizations to increase awareness and better defend against this heinous threat.

> KEY POINTS OF THIS LEGISLATION INCLUDE:

* H.R. 4708 authorizes the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) efforts to deter, detect, and mitigate instances of human trafficking. * It provides resources that will allow DHS to continue partnering with state, local, tribal, and territorial entities to provide training on how to raise awareness of human trafficking and coordinate efforts to prevent it. * This bill also directs the Department to disseminate intelligence and best practices related to human trafficking trends and mitigation efforts. * Finally, the bill bolsters DHS efforts to coordinate among public and private stakeholders, including government agencies, private entities, law enforcement partners, and non-governmental organizations efforts to raise public awareness on the threat human trafficking poses to our communities nationwide.

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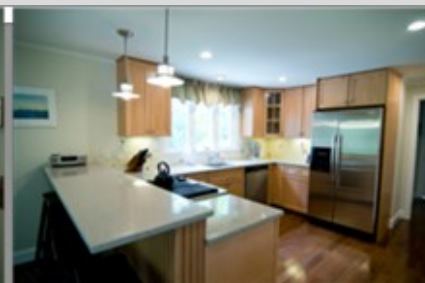
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- ◆ Make sure to attend the Parent Education Community Meeting. The information is invaluable!
- ◆ Get your tickets for our Junior League Luncheon benefitting Childproof America. See first page for info.
- ◆ Follow us on social media to see our App of the Week articles, great information and current events! If you have a favorite post, please share it so other can have this useful information as well.
- ◆ Sign up to volunteer for the Family Guides Program. Visit our website for more information.

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Childproof America empowers families in the battle against sex trafficking. Our mission is to educate, equip and support America's parents in the protection and defense of their children, and improve the quality of aid to impacted families. As advocates, we provide legislative pathways for concerned Americans to enforce harsh penalties to those violating the innocence of our children.

Have you seen him?

Jared Chavis, age 19, was last seen on January 12, 2018 in the 9000 block of Westheimer, Houston, TX. Jared has the following tattoos: "Helen Welch" praying hands on his left arm; "JW" on his left bicep; and "no weapon, for me and against me shall prosper" on his left forearm. He was last seen wearing denim jeans, red hoodie, white t-shirt, denim vest and orange LaBron James tennis shoes. If you have any information on Jared's whereabouts, please call the Houston Police Department at (832) 394-1840 or Texas EquuSearch at (281) 309-9500.

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