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YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE 2018



A Note from the Director

As you cast your vote in this critical election, Childproof America wants you to be aware of which political leaders are using their power and influence to fight sex trafficking in Texas and throughout the U.S. There are many websites that inform voters on the issues important to each

candidate. We will reference several websites here or you can find them on our website at ChildproofAmerica.org/VOTE

In this special edition "VOTE" newsletter, we are highlighting several political leaders who have supported Childproof America through presentations at recent community events. This is one of a few non-partisan issues, so no matter who you support this election season, make sure you get out and vote!




Resources & Links

- ◇ Learn who and what issues are on your local ballot, also see examples of sample ballots for your area: [BAL-LOTPEdia](#)
- ◇ Learn who your current US Congressmen (Senate and House) are and see if you want to re-elect them: [GOVTRACK](#)
- ◇ See a FULL list of candidates running for congress by state: [BAL-LOTPEdia](#)
- ◇ Get more state-specific information on early voting: [NCSL](#)
- ◇ Find out your candidate's views* on important topics: [VOTESMART](#) , [VOTE411](#) , [I SIDE WITH](#) , etc.



**Not all of these sites have all of the candidate info, so you might need to reference several for a complete comparison.*

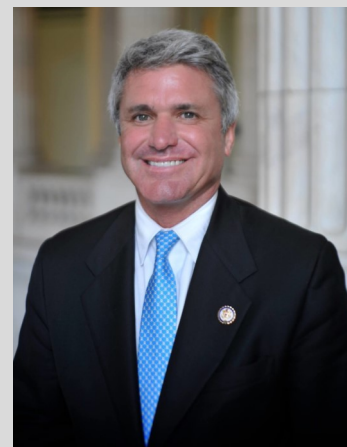
KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES



Childproof America encourages everyone to research the candidates and their previous and current support of organizations and legislation aimed at helping end the horrific crime of sex trafficking.



Michael McCaul
United States Congressman
10th District, Texas
Chairman of the House Committee
on Homeland Security



Congressman McCaul recently spoke at the Childproof America Parent Empowerment Seminar in September. Please click the link to see a video of his presentation.

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul of Houston partnered with Litvak, who founded Childproof America, other advocates, victims, nonprofit organizations and law enforcement to identify the gaps and needs in our ongoing fight against human trafficking. We each have a different, and very important, role to play. McCaul brought together 80 of these individuals in a roundtable discussion to formulate solutions to end trafficking. In particular, to discuss how McCaul's bill — now a law — can successfully be implemented. - Source: Houston Chronicle, May 2018



Joan Huffman
Texas State Senator
District 17

State Senator Joan Huffman is a big supporter of Childproof America and sits on the Advisory Board.

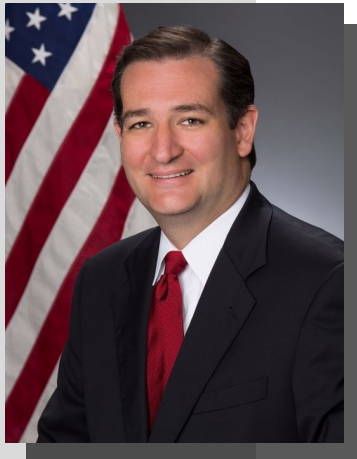
"I am honored to have been here today with Governor Abbott and leaders from Coach USA as we further the cause against human and sex trafficking," said Senator Huffman. "Working together, we will secure our communities, educate Texans on reporting and preventing trafficking, and crack down on these unspeakable crimes." - Source: Texas Governor Abbott press release, October 2018

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Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senator
North Dakota



“Today is also a major win for trafficking victims and their families — they deserve an immense amount of credit for their bravery to stand up and fight back — along with the tireless efforts of victims advocates — they simply said, ‘no more,’” Heitkamp said in a statement after Trump signed the bill. *“For far too long, trafficking victims were deprived justice against websites like Backpage.com that knowingly enabled this form of modern-day slavery and profited off victims’ pain. These websites will now face punishment for their disgusting role in facilitating this vile trade.”* - Source: Williston Herald, April 2018



Ted Cruz
United States Senator
Texas

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“SESTA/FOSTA clarifies the accountability of these websites and expands penalties for those who run them. We want to ensure that those who promote and enable these grotesque crimes will be held liable and brought to justice — in Texas and all over America.” Ted Cruz. - Source: Texas Tribune, April 2018

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Vicente Gonzalez
United States Congressman
15th District, Texas

The grant for Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid Inc. comes from the DOJ's Office of Victims of Crime-Human Trafficking and is part of a series of monies awarded to four other entities, U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez announced Thursday...

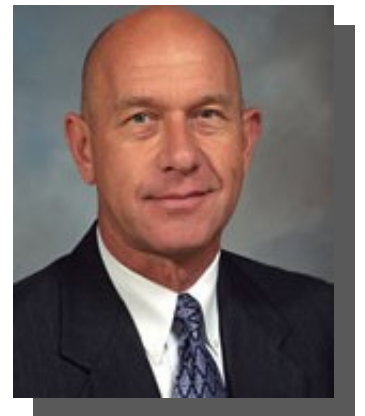
Whether it be funding to improve efficiency of local police departments, or funding to bolster legal services for victims of trafficking, every dollar awarded is going to make an impact on the safety and security of residents in the 15th District of Texas," Gonzalez said. "I thank

the U.S. Department of Justice for recognizing the needs of these groups and granting them the opportunity to move forward with strategies that protect communities in the Rio Grande Valley." -

Source: The Monitor, October 2018

John Whitmire
Texas State Senator
District 15

In regards to putting victims of sex trafficking in jail, "They do not need to be there. Most of them are victims. Most of them were forced into prostitution and I've interviewed them and they don't want that lifestyle," said State Sen. John Whitmire. - Source: Spectrum News, January 2017



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.

