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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3302

Invitation to Attend:

A Briefing on Health Issues and Domestic Trafficking Victims

Monday, February 29, 2016

3:00 – 4:00pm

402 Cannon House Office Building

Please join **Representatives Renee Ellmers and Joseph Pitts** for a **briefing** about the physical and mental health issues suffered by domestic victims of trafficking. The medical issues constitute both a private and public health issue.

The panel will have **survivors and experts discussing the illnesses, injuries and impairments suffered by the victims** which include: serious communicable and non-communicable diseases; drug and alcohol use and addiction; injuries from violence; depression, suicidal ideation and other mental health problems; pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage and abortion; as well as respiratory, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and neurological conditions. New research shows that victims seek medical care at hospitals, clinics, and private practices and are treated but often not identified as victims of trafficking.

- **Barbara Amaya** is an author and speaker who was first trafficked at the age of 13 on the streets of Washington, DC. She was sold a year later to a violent pimp and taken to New York City.
- **Theresa Flores** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, trafficking expert and survivor. She was sold for sex by a ring of traffickers while she was in high school in Michigan. She later returned to school and earned her B.A. and LCSW.
- **“Maria”** was trafficked in Florida when she was 14.
- **Dr. Hanni Stoklosa** is an Emergency Medicine Physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. She is the co-founder of HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkages) Trafficking, an international network of professionals dedicated to improving the health of trafficking survivors.