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Dear Advocates

Great news **AB 629:Lost Income for Trafficking Survivors** is on the governor's desk for signature Take action by sending the Governor an email letting him know you support this bill.

How to:

Go to: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>

**You will be prompted to enter:**

Select purpose of your Communication: Have Comment

First Name:

Last Name:

Please Choose Your Subject: AB 00629/Crime victims: The California Victim Compensation Board

### **Sample Message for your comment on AB 629**

On behalf of name and/or org or group (info if part of a group on work with HT). I am writing to ask for your signature on **Assembly Bill 629** (Smith/Gonzalez) to urge your support of this measure which would clarify that a human trafficking victim is eligible to receive compensation from California's Victim Compensation Program (VCP) for lost income incurred as a direct result of their trafficking. Currently, human trafficking victims – like other victims of violent crime – are eligible to recover crime-related expenses, such as medical and mental health services or relocation costs from VCP. However, **unlike other victims of violent crime, human trafficking victims are *denied* compensation for lost income suffered as a result of the crimes committed against them.**

Please to do not make human trafficking survivors wait any longer for this little bit of justice



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and sign AB 629.

**AB 629 Lost Income for Human Trafficking Survivors--factsheet attached-Still needs additional help on Social Media and Outreach !**

## Take Action now:

### For Individuals:

1. Please retweet/share the following posts in your social media at the below links:

Tweeter post #1: <https://twitter.com/CASTLA/status/1168985431586803715>

Tweeter post #2: <https://twitter.com/CASTLA/status/1169651505743319043>

Tweeter post #3: <https://twitter.com/CASTLA/status/1171473888603017217?s=20>

Facebook: #1 <https://www.facebook.com/CASTLosAngeles/posts/10156170235680163>

Facebook: #2 <https://www.facebook.com/CASTLosAngeles/posts/1015618054949516>

Instagram: #1 <https://www.instagram.com/p/B2CXxKmAs17/>

Instagram #2

[https://www.instagram.com/p/B2PTWSQgd3X/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_button\\_share\\_sheet](https://www.instagram.com/p/B2PTWSQgd3X/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet)

2. Sign the petition in support of AB 629 at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5eT7veA5WvWENoS\\_uWrFLz2BXeLzcoW3bwhEBtBOCmrh2FQ/viewfor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5eT7veA5WvWENoS_uWrFLz2BXeLzcoW3bwhEBtBOCmrh2FQ/viewfor)

Post to Twitter: Petition to Support Governor Newsom Signing CA #AB629-Lost Income for Human Trafficking Survivors <https://t.co/u2rmZqNYg8> #AB629ForSurvivors @GavinNewsom



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@AsmChristySmith

### **For Organizations:**

1. Fax or Send in your orgs letter of support (template attached) and ask other partners orgs to do the same. Please also email letters to [stephanie@castla.org](mailto:stephanie@castla.org)
2. Reach out to your grasstops (sample email below) and ask them to make calls to the Gov personally or send in letters of support-again no later than Sept 13<sup>th</sup> but the earlier the better.

### **Sample Email Request to grasstops:**

I am reaching out to see if Taskforce/Sheriff/DA/City Attorney/Mayor/ Donor to Gov etc?(any grasstops!) can help in support of bill that we believe will significantly assist human trafficking victims on their path to recovery and also ensure that they are stable witnesses accessing services.

AB 629 allows human trafficking survivors to access crime victims funding for lost income directly related to the trafficking like other crime victims.

I am reaching out today because this bill was vetoed by Governor Brown last year and we are worried Governor Newsom is also likely to veto the bill on the grounds that the crime victims fund is potentially instable in the long-run given the criminal justice reform measures enacted and being enacted in CA. Although we believe a long-term solution is likely needed for the fund, we do not think human trafficking survivors should have to wait for this reform to be compensated in the same way as other crime victims.I hope the XXXXXX would consider supporting this measure by (1) sending in a letter of support (template attached) and (2) calling the governor.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further I would be happy to set up a call.



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[Template letter of support](#)

[Factsheet on AB 629](#)

[CAST fiscal analysis of AB 629](#)

Department of Finance [letter of Opposition](#)

On a personal note this is a bill I have been working on for the last 7 years and believe if we are not able to overcome this hurdle this year trafficking survivors will likely have to wait 5 years or more for this remedy.

**To join CAST monthly calls and receive information and calls to action sign up at:**

<http://eepurl.com/c9wUaD>



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### **Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking**

Systemic change is at the core of CAST's mission. Taking a survivor-centered approach to ending modern slavery, CAST has a proven track record of working directly with survivors of human trafficking which builds an important bridge between practice and policy to inform effective policy initiatives. By developing broad-based partnerships, CAST effectively advocates for policies that work to end human trafficking and help survivors rebuild their lives.

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