

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2015 Governor's Conference on Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland.

Human trafficking is an insidious crime that strikes at the very fiber of our communities – our families, and our children. Forcing a young girl or boy into prostitution, or a vulnerable adult into harsh labor trafficking is unconscionable and unacceptable, and it must be stopped. We have made progress in our fight against human trafficking, but there is much more to do. We will not rest until every survivor of this despicable crime is restored, and every trafficker is brought to justice.

There are challenges, but my Administration is committed to these victims. With a unified effort we will work toward comprehensive solutions to fight against this egregious crime.

Thank you for committing your time to participate in today's Conference, an important step in this battle. We encourage you to share what you learn with your colleagues, friends, and family.

Best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "Larry Hogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, capturing the distinctive style of the Governor's name.

Governor