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Senator Hueso Introduces Bill to Combat Online Human Trafficking

*Hollywood Celebrity and former Chief Privacy Officer of Facebook
among supporters*

San Diego, CA... Please join Senator Ben Hueso as he announces legislation to combat online human trafficking by protecting a voter approved initiative that requires registered sex offenders to report all internet identifiers to law enforcement. Press Conference will be held on **Friday, July 10, 2015 at 11:00 am in front of the Chula Vista Police Headquarters located at 315 Fourth Avenue in Chula Vista.**

Joining Senator Hueso is Chula Vista Police Acting Chief Lon Turner, San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, Mike Fender, Director of the San Diego Police Officers Association, Jesus Montana, Chapter President of Peace Officers Research Association of California, William Gailey, Executive Director for the Safer CA Foundation, "24" Actress and Chair of Youth for Human Rights International, Marisol Nichols and survivor, Aliza Amar.

"In this growing internet era, we must make every effort to protect people from the dangers of the net by requiring registered sex offenders to disclose all internet identifiers," expressed Senator Hueso. "We have learned that human trafficking has become increasingly easier and has now moved online. In just two years, California's anti-trafficking task forces initiated 2,552 investigations, identified 1,277 victims and arrested 1,798 individuals. Of the total amount of individuals trafficked 72 percent were Americans. We need to take this problem very seriously. "

In November of 2012, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 35, also known as the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act (CASE Act). The Act is the most popular initiative in the State's history with an overwhelming 81 percent support. In April 2015, the courts issued an opinion requiring the legislature to clarify a section of Proposition 35 or it would be struck down. Senate Bill 448 provides stronger terms for use by law enforcement to combat online predators.

Marisol Nichols, "24" Actress and Chair of Youth for Human Rights International stated, "More needs to be done to eradicate human trafficking. The internet has become the most popular exchange for sex crimes in the modern era. I will always support legislation that makes it that much harder to commit internet sex crimes and that will do more to protect innocent lives."

"By strengthening laws against predators, we are taking the necessary steps to protect our youth from becoming victims and ensure that law enforcement have the tools to prosecute criminals to the full extent of the law," stated Chris Kelly, former Chief Privacy Officer of Facebook.

Senate Bill 448 will be heard at the Senate Public Safety Committee on July 14, 2015.