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Human Trafficking Engagement Day at the Capitol - grass-roots calling for collaboration of government and grass-roots

Urgency of collaboration is needed because human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world to-day. Washington state needs to lead in this fight because of our borders. This event aims to engage anti-trafficking efforts from grass-roots to state levels.

Elected Officials: Senator Fraser, Senator Delvin, Senator Kohl-Welles, Senator Swecker, Representative O'Brien, Representative Klippert

Date: January 11, 2010

Where: Columbia Room at the Legislative Building

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Speakers: Nathan Wilson, CEO and Founder of Project Meridian Foundation

www.projectmeridianfoundation.org

Dr. Eric Hickey, Professor of Criminology, California State University (Fresno)

Robert Goff, Founder of Restore International

Linda Smith, Shared Hope International www.sharedhope.org

Event Page: <http://www.washingtonhte.com/events.html>

January 7, 2010 – Seattle Against Slavery is asking the Legislature to make good on their Human Trafficking Awareness Resolution of 2009 by showing up to support collaboration with grass-roots on anti-trafficking efforts.

Seattle Against Slavery is a growing grass-roots coalition (www.SeattleAgainstSlavery.org).

SAS partners with 35 government and non-governmental organizations involved in anti-trafficking efforts.

SAS is a coalition of volunteers with a mission to channel and mobilize grass-roots energy against trafficking in the Puget Sound Area.

About Seattle Against Slavery

Seattle Against Slavery (SAS) is a grassroots coalition working to make a slave-free world, one city at a time. Uniting community-based abolition activists, local and national non-government organizations, government agencies, and other coalitions, SAS seeks to raise human trafficking awareness and mobilize the public to better advocate for victims, enhance survivor care, promote legislation to combat human trafficking, and help service providers build capacity. For more information about SAS, visit <http://seattleagainstsavery.org>.

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