

**LESSONS LEARNED FROM SUPER  
BOWL PREPARATIONS: PREVENTING  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AT MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
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GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:05 p.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Christopher H. Smith (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY. The subcommittee will come to order. And good afternoon to everybody, and thank you for being here. It is great to see so many friends and familiar faces who are champions in the fight in combatting human trafficking.

Our hearing today will focus on the preparations for the upcoming Super Bowl to prevent human trafficking, and strategies employed by airlines, buses, and trains, as well as hotels, designed to mitigate human trafficking.

In less than a week, New Jersey will be hosting the Super Bowl, and along with welcoming enthusiastic fans, the State also is preparing for the likely influx of both domestic and international traffickers. As a matter of fact, many of them are already there. Sadly, but almost certainly, they are bringing with them sexually exploited trafficking victims, many of them from abroad, in an attempt to cash in on the Super Bowl crowds.

We know from the past any sports venue, and especially the Super Bowl, acts as a sex trafficking magnet. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, for example, reports that more than 10,000 exploited women and girls were trafficked to Miami for the Super Bowl in 2010.

This must not happen again. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has put in place a robust anti-human trafficking plan. For example, his Department of Homeland Security and Preparedness has stepped up efforts to combat trafficking at the Super Bowl, distributing flyers to emergency medical services, fire department, law enforcement, and other emergency care professions so that these front line professionals will know when to be concerned that someone is a trafficking victim and how to respond appropriately. The