

The Horrifying Truth About Super Bowl Sunday

This weekend is Super Bowl Sunday in the United States. While it's about American football, key government leaders say much more takes place, and it isn't good.

Last February, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot shocked Americans when he called the Super Bowl "the single largest human trafficking incident in the U.S."

This week, human trafficking legislation had bipartisan support.

U.S. Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan helped lead the debate on the floor this week that helped pass 12 anti-human trafficking bills. "They hit the issues relative to the agencies, departments, homeland security, law enforcement, welfare, human service providers that come in contact with this issue and beefing up their ability to deter and detect."

This legislation will also help private citizens identify the problem.

Will it curb Super Bowl sexual exploitation? Walberg says, "It can't help but help. The idea of being able to train people to profile—I mean, that's what we're actually talking about, profiling—human trafficked victims as well as traffickers is an important component part of this legislation."

Donna Abbott with Bethany Christian Services works with refugee and immigrant victims. She says the welfare part of the program will help victims. Why? "Remember, everything that they've had has been taken from them or removed from them, and so once they are identified, they need services: housing, clothing, food and help with employment."

Bethany shares the love and compassion of Christ as they help. "They've been tortured by others, and we hope that the love and compassion we saw as a Christian community will come through to them. With more victims identified and referred for services, there will be the need for more resources."

Abbott says this legislation will help Bethany do more training, raise awareness and provide the resources needed to help victims.

The bipartisan legislation moves to the Senate for consideration. Bipartisan support is expected there. It's unclear if the president will sign the legislation if it makes it that far.