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Washington, D.C. 20531

Attachment 8. Survey Announcement Letter

[Date]

(NAME), (TITLE)
(AGENCYNAME)
(ADDR)
(CITY), (STATE) (ZIP)

Dear (NAME),

I am writing to request your participation in the **2018 Survey of State Attorney General Offices (SSAGO)**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The SSAGO is a series of data collections on state attorneys general.

The first survey addresses human trafficking and will collect data about your office's response to criminal and civil labor and sex trafficking offenses. The survey was designed by BJS in collaboration with deputy state attorneys general who prosecute criminal human trafficking cases or handle civil human trafficking matters and researchers who study prosecution of human traffickers. Data collected for this survey will be used by prosecutors, federal agencies, and other stakeholders who respond to human trafficking. The second survey is under development and will be sent out later this year.

Attorney General George Jepsen from Connecticut provided the following feedback on the SSAGO project –

"As Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, I support this data collection effort and hope that all AG offices participate in the SSAGO Program surveys. The information collected through this data series will benefit AGs directly and also allow DOJ to better understand the needs of state AG offices."
-George Jepsen, letter to Jeri Mulrow, dated May 22, 2017

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132. BJS, BJS employees, and BJS data collection agents will use the information you provide only for statistical or research purposes pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134 (section 304 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Pub. L. No. 90-351), as amended), and will protect it to the fullest extent under federal law. For more information on the federal statutes, regulations, and other authorities that govern how BJS, BJS employees, and BJS data collection agents collect, handle, store, disseminate, and protect your information, see the BJS Data Protection Guidelines at https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/BJS_Data_Protection_Guidelines.pdf.

In approximately one week, you will receive an invitation from The Urban Institute to complete the survey. If you have questions regarding the SSAGO-HT data collection, please contact BJS's authorized data collection for this effort, the Urban Institute, at [EMAIL ADDRESS] or at [TOLL FREE PHONE]. If you have general comments about the SSAGO program, please contact Suzanne Strong, BJS project manager at Suzanne.M.Strong@usdoj.gov or call (202) 616-3666.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Anderson, Director