



The All Party Group to
**End Modern Slavery
& Human Trafficking**

Annual Review 2021-2022

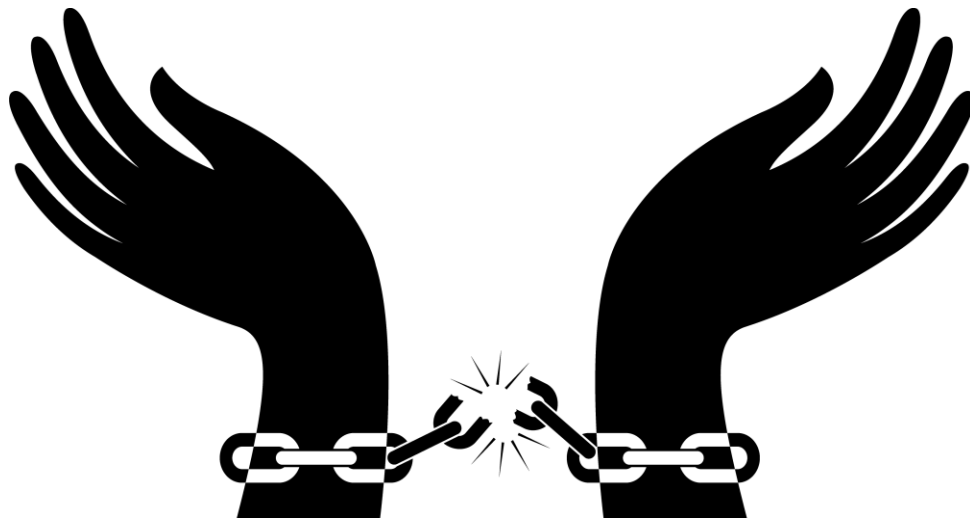




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Report from APPG Co-chairs

Once again, our parliamentary group supported me every step of the way in the Senate to advance Bill S-211, fighting against forced labour and child labour in supply chains. Whether through strategic discussions, conversations between parliamentarians, and a sustained presence on social media, I have witnessed the non-partisan commitment of my fellow APPG co-chairs to roll back these appalling human rights violations here and abroad.

JULIE MIVILLE-DECHÊNE – Independent Senators Group
Independent Senator for Quebec



I am grateful to be supported by my fellow APPG Co-Chairs in promoting the fighting against forced labour and child labour in supply chains act, S-211 in the Senate and C-243 in the House of Commons. Congratulations to the outstanding team which has also brought to public and parliamentary attention the issue of sexual exploitation of women and children, and human trafficking.

JOHN MCKAY – Liberal Party
Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood



I am proud of the work that the APPG accomplished in 2021-2022. Despite the setbacks of the pandemic, traffickers did not stop in the face of COVID-19. Many of them took advantage of it. We knew that our work could not stop either. We raised awareness, gathered supporters and introduced legislation, and all while working across party lines with a unified mission: to fight for freedom. The APPG is making a difference in the fight against human trafficking in Canada and abroad and I look forward to continuing our work together to advance solutions.

ARNOLD VIERSEN – Conservative Party
Member of Parliament for Peace River – Westlock



As Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, it will always be very important for me to represent the issues of human trafficking and modern slavery on my committee as this issue disproportionately affects women and girls. The work done by the all-party group is important because the end of the current pandemic will not stop this issue. We will have to continue to be proactive in order to propose solutions for this problem that is unfortunately still far too present in our societies.

ANDRÉANNE LAROUCHE - Bloc Québécois
Member of Parliament for Shefford



Partnership with the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic

The activities of the APPG to End Modern Slavery are supported by a partnership with the Allard School of Law's International Justice and Human Rights Clinic at the University of British Columbia.

The Allard International Justice and Human Rights Clinic gives upper-year law students at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, the opportunity to work on pressing human rights and global justice concerns through hands-on work on international cases and projects. Students gain experience applying international human rights law, international criminal law and/or international humanitarian law working on specific cases with a range of international justice organizations, including international criminal courts and tribunals, United Nations human rights bodies and international non-governmental organizations. The clinic also works with Canadian domestic bodies concerned with human rights issues. Students clinicians join the clinic for two consecutive academic terms, receiving credit towards their law degree.

Anti-human trafficking work has been a central focus of the IJHR Clinic's work since its inception in 2014. The Clinic Director has researched and written on human trafficking laws and policies since 2009.

NICOLE A. BARRETT – Director
International Justice and Human Rights Clinic



Purpose of the APPG to End Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking

The End Modern Slavery Group shall:

1. Ensure that the Government of Canada does all that it can to prevent and protect civilian populations from modern slavery, increase prosecution of traffickers, and build partnerships with various organizations;
2. Increase the flow of information and analysis to Parliamentarians about modern slavery;
3. Promote understanding of the importance of long-term approaches to prevention of slavery; and
4. Engage in communication and collaboration with like-minded bodies in civil society and other Parliaments in order to:
 - a. Exchange information about strategies for the prevention of modern slavery;
 - b. Work in conjunction with the United Nations Special Advisor to Fight Human Trafficking, the International Criminal Court, and other organizations working in the field of slavery prevention.



2021-2022 Membership

First Name	Last Name	Parliamentarian	Party
Ziad	Aboultaif	MP	CPC
John	Aldag	MP	Liberal
Mel	Arnold	MP	CPC
Salma	Ataullahjan	Senator	CPC
Yvan	Baker	MP	Liberal
Wanda	Bernard	Senator	PSG
Kelly	Block	MP	CPC
Pierre-Hugues	Boisvenu	Senator	CPC
Yvonne	Boyer	Senator	ISG
Richard	Bragdon	MP	CPC
Bev	Busson	Senator	ISG
Colin	Carrie	MP	CPC
Daniel	Christmas	Senator	ISG
Michael	Cooper	MP	CPC
Rene	Cormier	Senator	ISG
Mary	Coyle	Senator	ISG
Pierre	Dalphond	Senator	ISG
Marc	Dalton	MP	CPC
Ted	Falk	MP	CPC
Rosemary	Falk	MP	CPC
Kerry-Lynne	Findlay	MP	CPC
Eric	Forest	Senator	ISG
Brian	Francis	Senator	PSG
Marilyn	Gladu	MP	CPC
Iqra	Khalid	MP	Liberal
Annie	Koutrakis	MP	Liberal
Shelby	Kramp-Neuman	MP	CPC
Andreanne	Larouche	MP	Bloc Quebecois
Leslyn	Lewis	MP	CPC
Tony	Loffreda	Senator	ISG
Yonah	Martin	Senator	CPC
John	McKay	MP	Liberal
Marilou	McPhedran	Senator	Independent
Julie	Miville-Dechêne	Senator	ISG
Ratna	Omidvar	Senator	ISG
Kim	Pate	Senator	ISG
Pierre	Paul-Hus	MP	CPC
Jamie	Schmale	MP	CPC
Gerald	Soroka	MP	CPC
Shannon	Stubbs	MP	CPC
Rachael	Thomas	MP	CPC
Tako	Van Popta	MP	CPC
Karen	Vecchio	MP	CPC
Arnold	Viersen	MP	CPC
Cathay	Wagantall	MP	CPC
Sameer	Zuberi	MP	Liberal



2021-2022 Activities

APPG Annual General Meeting – April 28, 2021

Due to the impact of Covid-19, the APPG held a virtual AGM on April 28, 2021. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, human trafficking & modern slavery didn't stop and neither did we. We highlighted our achievements including official recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day & advancing Bill S-216.



APPG 2021 Annual Report Press Release – June 2021

The APPG co-chairs released a press release last year, highlighting the APPG's third year of efforts to end modern slavery. It highlighted the increase in modern slavery throughout the pandemic, the APPG's efforts from 2020-2021, and the APPG's commitment to working across party lines.

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APPG Highlights Third Year of Efforts to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 7, 2021

OTTAWA, ON – Today, the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (APPG) released its 2020–2021 annual report highlighting the APPG's third year of activities and partnership with the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic.

The pandemic and the global crisis it sparked have increased the urgency of combatting modern slavery, a growing evil around the world. For the past three years, this cause has been the focus of the APPG, whose members for 2020-2021 included MPs and senators from the Liberal, Conservative, Bloc, NDP and Green parties as well as the Independent Senators Group. The APPG recently held a virtual AGM on April 28, 2021.

The APPG efforts in 2020–2021 to raise awareness about modern slavery and human trafficking and create change included:

- Re-introduction of the Modern Slavery Act on October 29, 2020
- Letter to Justice Minister on MindGeek on November 25, 2020
- Virtual Human Trafficking Briefing for Senators & MPs on December 2, 2020
- Designation of a National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on February 22, 2021
- Letter to Women and Gender Equality Minister on MindGeek on February 22, 2021
- Letter to the RCMP Commissioner on MindGeek on March 25, 2021
- Increased media presence through two op-eds and over 40 interviews

The APPG Co-chairs will continue to work across political lines and welcome all interested Parliamentarians to join and help end modern slavery once and for all.

APPG Co-Chair Meetings – Year-Round

The APPG co-chairs met by Zoom regularly over the past year to coordinate group activities and efforts to advance anti-trafficking legislation in Parliament.



Regular News Updates – Year-Round

The APPG to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, sends regular updates to its members on human trafficking including a Monthly Media Scan and the latest data and reports on human trafficking.

Date	Location	Province	Article
1-Mar	Edmonton	AB	Edmonton pair charged with human trafficking after 16-year-old sought help: ALERT
1-Mar	International		Seeking Truth and Justice, Chinese See Themselves in a Chained Woman
1-Mar	Elora	ON	Almost \$50K raised for Elora House through Coldest Night of the Year
1-Mar	London	ON	Human trafficking probe leads to 12 charges against London man
1-Mar	Quebec	QC	Une semaine thématique pour lutter contre l'exploitation sexuelle des mineurs
2-Mar	Quebec	QC	Prostitution juvénile: que nous réserve l'avenir?
2-Mar	National		47 Canadians charged in global child sex abuse investigation
2-Mar	Vancouver	BC	Vancouver sex offender charged in global child sexual exploitation investigation
2-Mar	Kemptville	ON	School boards vigilant about sex trafficking
3-Mar	Toronto	ON	How police traced a 'horrific' global child sex abuse network from New Zealand to the GTA
3-Mar	Edmonton	AB	Sex traffickers targeting youth online, says investigator in case involving Edmonton girl
3-Mar	Burnaby	BC	Anti-gang squad arrests Burnaby man wanted on human trafficking charges
3-Mar	Burnaby	BC	Two men charged after loaded firearm seized in Surrey
3-Mar	National		International Sex Workers Rights Day: Rights, not rescue
3-Mar	Saskatoon	SK	Saskatoon non-profit NASHI makes plans to evacuate Ukrainian girls from safe house

Open Letter on Slavery in Supply Chains – November 8, 2021

On November 8th, the APPG co-chairs wrote an open letter urging all political parties to act quickly in the adoption of supply chain legislation that reflects elements of the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act* and Canada's international obligations.

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November 8, 2021

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Leader of the Liberal Party
Hon. Erin O'Toole, Leader of the Conservative Party
Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois
Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party
Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party's Parliamentary Caucus

Open Letter on Slavery in Supply Chains

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Today there are 40 million people in the world trapped in modern slavery, many of whom produce the goods Canadians consume. This is more than twice the number involved in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.

According to a World Vision Canada report, it is estimated that over 1,200 companies operating in Canada import goods that are at risk of being produced by child or forced labour. Sadly, many of these companies may not realize there is forced or child labour in their supply chains and are not required to ensure their supply chains are free from slavery.

Australia and the United Kingdom have adopted Modern Slavery Acts that targets slavery in supply chains. France, Germany, and Italy have also introduced legislation targeting slavery in the last ten years. As a country that prides itself as a champion of human rights, Canada is falling behind on the international stage. While other G20 countries pass legislation to prevent slavery in their supply chains, we stand on the sidelines.

During the last two Parliaments, the Modern Slavery Act was introduced to the House of Commons (Bill C-423 in 2018) and to the Senate (Public Bill S-216 in 2020) as a reasonable and balanced piece of legislation to bring Canada more in line with its G20 counterparts. This legislation was supported by the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Today we are urging the Government of Canada to act quickly in the development of government legislation that reflects the elements of the Modern Slavery Act. We are also urging all parties to support the swift adoption of this legislation.

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We note, with gratitude, that both the Liberal and Conservative platforms made strong commitments to combating international forced labour in supply chains through robust legislation.

We also draw your attention to the unanimous Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development entitled: "A Call to Action: Ending the Use of all Forms of Child Labour in Supply Chains" tabled on October 15, 2018 which recommended that the Government of Canada advance legislative and policy measures to further motivate businesses to eliminate the use of all forms of child labour in their supply chains.

Finally, we draw your attention to the Joint Statement issued by the G7 countries on October 22, 2021 regarding forced labour and supply chains that commits: "to protect individuals from forced labour, to ensure that global supply chains are free from the use of forced labour and those who perpetrate forced labour are held accountable."

It is time to enact comprehensive modern slavery legislation. We hope to work with you to address this important issue during the 44th Parliament.

Sincerely,

Julie Miville-Dechêne
Senator
Co-Chair

John McKay
MP
Co-Chair

Arnold Viersen
MP
Co-Chair

Andréanne Larouche
MP
Co-Chair



Op-ed on Modern Slavery – November 17, 2021

On November 17, APPG co-chairs Senator Julie Miville-Dechéne and MP John McKay published an [op-ed](#) in the Hill Times highlighting modern slavery in the supply chains of the products Canadians buy and urging the adoption of modern slavery legislation.

Time to adopt legislation to address the human cost of low prices

By INDEPENDENT SENATOR JULIE MIVILLE-DECHÉNE AND LIBERAL MP JOHN MCKAY NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Since 2018, there have been three attempts to pass modern slavery legislation in Canada—one in the House and two in the Senate. These bills died when elections were called in 2019 and 2021. A fourth will be tabled as soon as Parliament resumes.



At a G7 Summit last month, International Trade Minister Mary Ng, pictured Nov. 16, signed a statement promising action on forced labour. The issue is global, and too complex and structural to be fixed by any one country's intervention, write Independent Senator Julie Miville-Dechéne and Liberal MP John McKay. *The Hill Times photograph by Andrew Meade*

Bill S-211 - Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act – November 24, 2021

APPG co-chair Senator Miville-Dechéne announced the tabling of Bill S-211, (formerly Bill S-216), the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act* in the Senate. This was the third time that this bill has been introduced.

Bill S-224 - An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons) – November 24, 2021

Formerly Bill S-228 in the 43rd Parliament, APPG member Hon. Senator Salma Ataullahjan re-introduced Bill S-224 which would amend the Criminal Code to specify what constitutes exploitation for the purpose of establishing whether a person has committed the offence of trafficking in persons.

SUMMARY

This enactment enacts the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*, which imposes an obligation on certain government institutions and private-sector entities to report on the measures taken to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used by them or in their supply chains. The Act provides for an inspection regime applicable to entities and gives the Minister the power to require an entity to provide certain information.

This enactment also amends the *Customs Tariff* to allow for a prohibition on the importation of goods manufactured or produced, in whole or in part, by forced labour or child labour as those terms are defined in the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*.



The proposed legislation would advance a revision to the Criminal Code of Canada that amends the definition of human exploitation to no longer include a requirement to prove a victim's personal fear for safety. The proposed amendment provides a simplified definition that reflects international legal definitions and offers victims and Crown prosecutors a better chance at achieving justice and fighting back against modern-day slavery.

Op-ed on Slavery in Green Technology Supply Chains – December 2, 2021

As part of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on December 2nd, APPG co-chairs MP Viersen, MP McKay & MP Larouche published a joint op-ed through iPolitics. The article revealed the labour rights infringements that are made in the production of green technology, such as key inputs for solar panels.

"Canada's plan to increase green technology production cannot come at the expense of workers in forced labour conditions. We must continue to protect the environment while defending the human rights of those trapped in slavery." (MP Viersen, MP McKay & MP Larouche on Dec. 2, 2021)

Opinion: Fighting climate change can't come at the expense of human rights

December 2, 2021

By [Arnold Viersen and John McKay and Andreanne Larouche](#). Published on [iPolitics](#) on December 2, 2021.



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: Virtual Event - December 2, 2021

As part of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on December 2nd, the APPG to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking was pleased to host a virtual briefing on the need for supply chain legislation in Canada for Senators, MPs, and their staff.

Presentations were provided by Stephen Pike, partner at Gowling WLG and co-leader of the firm's Canadian ESG Advisory Services practice, and Chris Crewthers, Head of Strategic Partnerships at the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, followed by a Q & A session. There were 48 parliamentarians and staff in attendance from all political parties.



McCain Institute Human Rights & Democracy Summit – December 7, 2021

APPG co-chair Senator Miville-Dechêne spoke at the McCain Institute Human Rights & Democracy Summit about the reality of forced labour, the work of the APPG and Bill S-211, Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in House of Commons – February 18, 2022

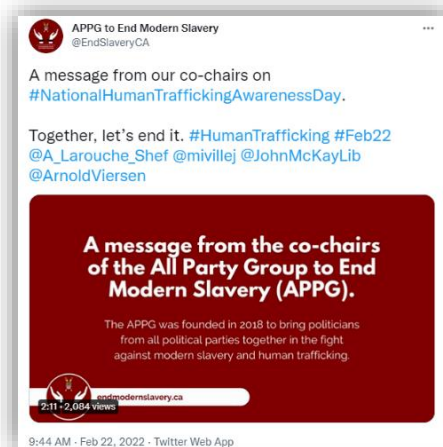
APPG co-chairs MP Viersen and MP McKay both made statements in the House of Commons to draw attention to National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – February 22, 2022

For three years the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking urged Parliament to recognize February 22 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. On February 15, 2021 the House of Commons finally adopted this.

On the second annual National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, the co-chairs created an English and French video commemorating the day and shared educational graphics for Parliamentarians and all Canadians to use.

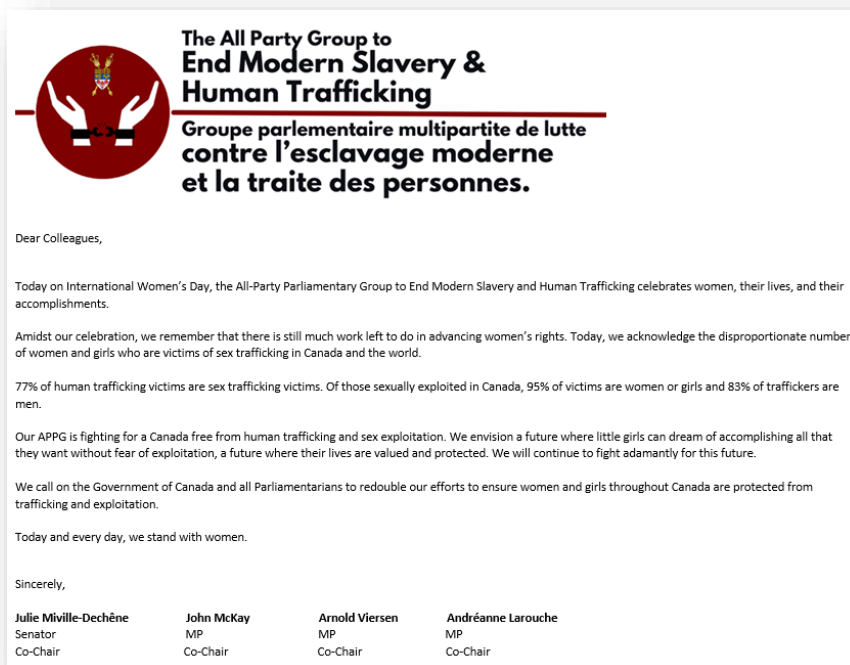


Ending the Use of Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act – February 28, 2022

In coordination with APPG co-chair MP John McKay, MP Marcus Powlowski introduced Bill C-243 (formerly known Bill C-423 in previous Parliaments), *Ending the Use of Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*. This bill has been tabled as a Private Member's Bill and is similar to S-211 that was recently tabled by Senator Miville-Dechéne in the Senate.

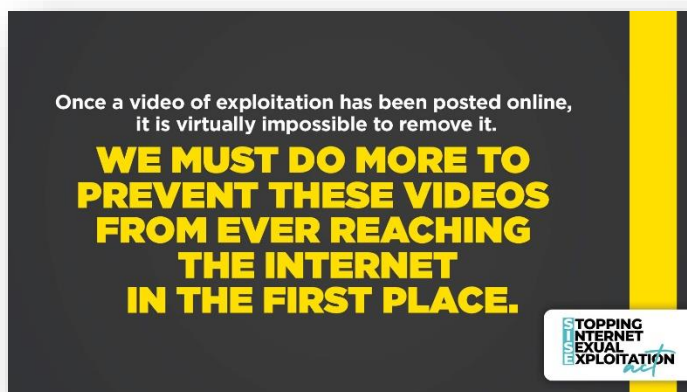
International Women's Day – March 8, 2022

For International Women's Day, the APPG co-chairs issued a statement to all Parliamentarians committing to fight for the rights of women and girls who are disproportionately exploited for modern slavery all around the world.



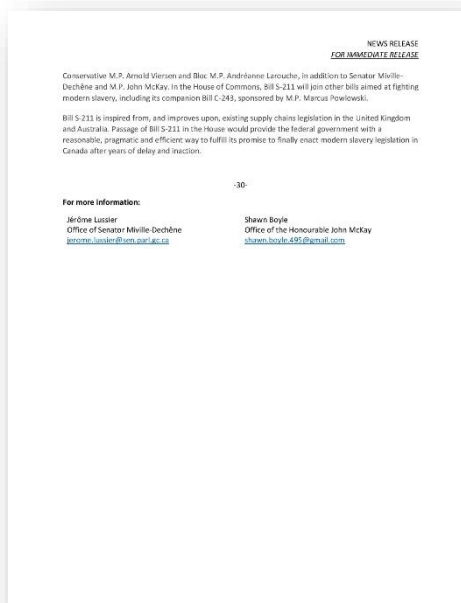
Bill C-270 - Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation Act – April 28th, 2022

Bill C-270 (formerly Bill C-302), the *Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation Act*, introduced by APPG co-chair MP Arnold Viersen, was tabled in the House of Commons. In effort to combat online sexual exploitation and trafficking, the SISE Act would implement Recommendation #2 of the 2021 Ethics Committee report on MindGeek by requiring those making or distributing pornographic material for a commercial purpose to verify the age and consent of each person depicted. It also allows individuals to revoke consent.



Bill S-211 Adopted by Senate, Heads to House of Commons – April 28, 2022

On Thursday, April 28, 2022, the Senate of Canada passed Bill S-211, the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*, sending the legislation to the House of Commons. After four prior attempts dating back to 2018, the Senate's passage of Bill S-211 marks the most significant progress for modern slavery legislation in Canadian history.



Ongoing Activities with the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic

The International Justice and Human Rights Clinic is the official external research group for the Canadian All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) to End Modern Slavery. In 2021-2022, the IJHR Clinic team of three legal clinicians and the clinic director completed the following work in support of the APPG's mandate:

- Drafted three legal memos: two on Bill C-270 (formerly Bill C-302), *Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation Act* and one on S-211, *An Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and to amend the Customs Tariff*.
- Carried out an advocacy campaign to support new supply chain legislation: clinicians drafted blogs and tweeted on the issue, met with numerous non-governmental organizations focused on human trafficking and drafted op-eds.
- Testified to the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights on Bill S-211.
- Prepared memos for the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Forced Labour Division in advance of Canada's review to ascertain how well Canada's current laws align with two international conventions related to labour trafficking: C029 Forced Labour Convention, 1930 and C105 Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957.
- Updated the APPG website.

