



## SUPPORT SB506

Rep. Lisa Hernandez  
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### EXTEND CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Immigrant victims of trafficking, torture, and other serious crimes are eligible for medical, food and cash assistance through a state program called VTTC.



**Medical Assistance**



**A state funded food program similar to SNAP/Food stamps**



**Cash Assistance**

Survivors desperately need a safe place to live, adequate food, immediate attention to their physical and mental health needs, and an opportunity to stabilize their lives as they adjust their immigration status and obtain work authorization.

Since 2018, the VTTC program has provided critical time-limited support for a small group of survivors who are highly vulnerable to further exploitation and harm, but the program is set to end July 1, 2022.

The VTTC program provides benefits for up to one year while the survivor prepares their visa or asylum application. Survivors remain eligible for benefits as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements for the program.

**SB506 removes the program termination date and extends VTTC so that survivors of trafficking, torture, and other crimes can continue to receive life-saving assistance.**

## SUPPORTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Foundation Chicago

Beyond Hunger

Cook County Health

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Heartland Alliance

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)

Latino Policy Forum

Legal Council for Health Justice

Loaves & Fishes Community Services

Metropolitan Family Services

Mujeres Latinas en Accion

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Planned Parenthood Illinois Action

The Resurrection Project

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