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Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation

Facilitating the Transportation Sector's Collective Impact in Combating Human Trafficking

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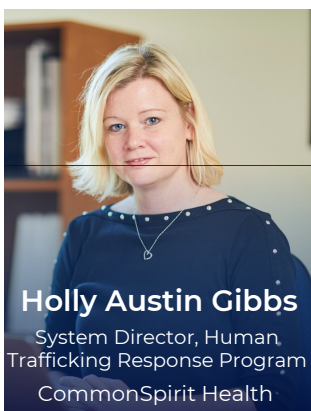
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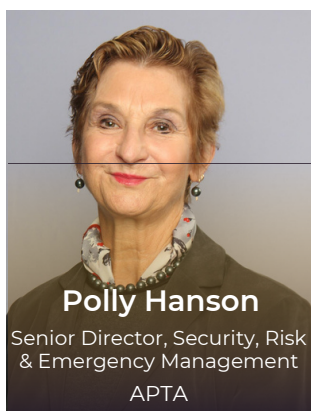
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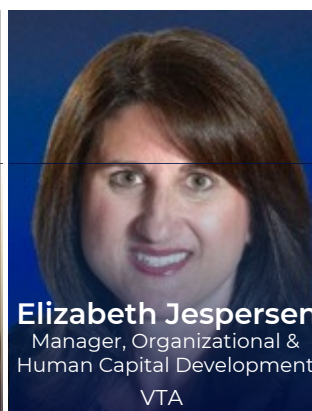
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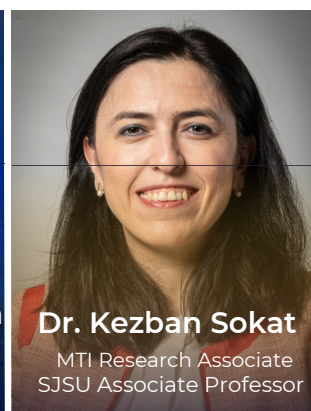
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About the Webinar

Human trafficking, a form of modern slavery, is the recruitment, transport, and/or transfer of persons using force, fraud, or coercion to exploit them for acts of labor, services, or sex.

According to the International Labor Organization, 49.6 million people were living in modern slavery in 2021, of which 27.6 million were in forced labor and 12% of all those in forced labor were children.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing organized crime with approximately \$150B in annual profits. Like any business, trafficking relies on the transportation network—to recruit, move, or transfer their victims and to move goods produced by forced labor. Therefore, the transportation industry plays a critical role in preventing and combating human trafficking, as well as providing access for many survivors trying to leave their trafficking situation and obtain aid to rebuild their lives.

This **National Human Trafficking Prevention Month**, we are hosting a one-hour webinar featuring expert panelists to showcase efforts to combat this issue in the United States. Discussions will include the role of transportation agencies in facilitating effective prevention training programs and increasing accurate victim identification, as well as putting in place survivor-centered and trauma-informed response protocols.