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Mr. Kenneth E. Melson
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Dear Mr. Melson,

I am writing to you about my concerns with G.F. Tours, based in Fort Worth, Texas, and media reports that the company may be operating sex tours from the United States to Southeast Asia.

According to an August 6, 2006, article in the *Fort-Worth Star Telegram* ("The shadowy world of sex tours"), Gunter Frentz has been running G.F. Tours for more than eighteen years. Human rights groups such as Equality Now believe that Mr. Frentz is promoting sex tourism by arranging "Pleasure Tours and Marriage Tours" in countries such as Thailand and the Philippines. His website also "mixes pages of cultural attractions with photos of scantily clad Asian women" with such questions as "Would you like to be in a city where you can easily get simple, straightforward satisfaction?" and "How long has it been since you've gotten just as much sex as you wanted?" Although Mr. Frentz denies in the article that he is running a sex tour operation, there seems to be evidence to the contrary.

As you may know, I have been an ardent proponent of increased efforts to end sex tourism and human trafficking, both in the United States and around the world. I helped lead the fight in New York City to shut down Big Apple Oriental Tours which was running a similar business as the one that Mr. Frentz seems to own. The Human Trafficking Caucus, of which I am a co-chair, currently includes more than twenty-five bipartisan members who are all committed to ending modern-day slavery.

While the article noted that Mr. Frentz was "on the radar" of the Ft. Worth Police Department's special operations/vice squad, given the increasing attention that combating sex tourism and human trafficking has drawn from all levels of government, I strongly urge your office to work with the FBI and other investigatory agencies, in accordance with all applicable laws and procedures, to determine if G.F. Tours and Mr. Frentz are violating the Mann Act and the Travel Act. I hope that we can work together to protect the victims of the sex trade industry,

and punish the predators who exploit them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Maloney".

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress