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PRESENTATION TRANSCRIPT

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Okay, people, this is a symposium not a conference. Good morning.

Good morning.

Thank you. On behalf of the State of West Virginia and the West Virginia Attorney General's Office, I would like to welcome you to the Second Annual Symposium to Combat Human Trafficking. More importantly, I'd like to welcome you to my home state.

As I look around this room, I see dedicated men and women who tirelessly pursue freedom for those living under the yoke of slavery in today's modern world. And I see dedicated men and women who seek justice for their captors. We've all heard the phrase crimes against humanity, and I cannot think of a better term to describe modern-day slavery or human trafficking because it strips from its victims' their very human nature.

And it turns men, women, boys, and girls into cattle to be bought and sold. Over the next few days, you're going to have an opportunity to meet with other people that are as equally dedicated to this important endeavor as you. And I invite you to hone your skills, sharpen your craft, and take the things that you learn here today back to your home jurisdiction and bring some of the most vile and evil human beings on the face of this planet to justice.

So with that, again, on behalf of the great State of West Virginia, thank you very much for being here. Thank you for your dedication, and when you get back to your jurisdictions, good hunting. Thank you.