Hello Friends,

As you may know, Backpage.com has been at the center of a criminal legal case for years, and our legal team and fellow advocates are aware that many people were exploited and advertised on that website.

There may be some positive news for you or someone you know coming from this federal criminal case, as a victims' fund has been established to provide financial compensation for some victims.

If you know or suspect of anyone whose image or personal information was posted on Backpage.com between approximately January 1, 2004, to April 6, 2018, to sell sex acts, escort services, massages, dates, etc. they may be eligible for financial compensation.

CityXGuide picked up where Backpage left off. Victims who were posted at any time from April 8, 2018, to June 19, 2020, may also be eligible for financial compensation.

Those who suffered monetary and/or behavioral health losses may be eligible for compensation through the remission process. It is urgent that impacted individuals act now as all petition forms must be submitted for consideration by February 2, 2026.

I'm proud to be working with the legal team of Chris V. Parente, Gina A. DeBoni, Maura D. White and Michael D. Cerasa in assisting victims. As you know, I have been advocating for victims and survivors throughout my 30 years in law enforcement, and I am thrilled to be a part of this effort and process.

Chris is an attorney and a former federal prosecutor who I personally worked several cases with, who specialized in human trafficking cases. He has worked directly with many human trafficking survivors and assisted many survivors in receiving restitution to compensate them for the damages suffered as part of their trafficking. He currently is a partner at his law firm Cheronis & Parente LLC.

Gina is the Managing and Senior Partner of Romanucci & Blandin and a fierce advocate for women and children. Her firm has a proud history of representing survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking while also creating legislative change so victims and survivors can have a cause of action. Gina has spent countless hours advocating for federal change and was present at the White House with their client, who stood next to the President in the Oval Office to witness the monumental signing of the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex-Trafficking Act. Furthermore, the firm's experience includes working with victims of the Boy Scouts of America and clergy abuse.

Our dedicated team of professionals truly has unmatched experience helping victims of sexual abuse and trafficking and can help any victims through this confidential process to determine if they may have a financial claim.

We are ready to listen and provide a 100% confidential and judgment-free consultation on whether the victims or survivors' experience may qualify them for financial compensation.

Our team can be reached by calling <u>312-458-1000</u>, emailing <u>intakes@rblaw.net</u> or filling out a <u>free confidential case evaluation form here</u>.