



National Task Force
to End Sexual and
Domestic Violence Against Women

January 13, 2012

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned organizations, represent millions of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and the professionals who serve them, throughout the United States and territories. On behalf of the victims we represent, we ask that you support the Violence Against Women Act's (VAWA) reauthorization.

VAWA's programs support state, tribal and local efforts to address the pervasive and insidious crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. These programs have made great progress towards keeping victims safe and holding perpetrators accountable. This critical legislation must be reauthorized to ensure a continued response to these crimes.

Since its original passage in 1994, VAWA has dramatically enhanced our nation's response to violence against women. More victims report domestic violence to the police and the rate of non-fatal intimate partner violence against women has decreased by 53%. The sexual assault services program in VAWA helps rape crisis centers keep their doors open to provide the frontline response to victims of rape. VAWA provides for a coordinated community approach, improving collaboration between law enforcement and victim services providers to better meet the needs of victims. These comprehensive and cost-effective programs not only save lives, they also save money. In fact, VAWA saved nearly \$12.6 billion in net averted social costs in just its first six years.

VAWA has unquestionably improved the national response to these terrible crimes. We urge you to support VAWA's reauthorization to build upon its successes and continue to enhance our nation's ability to hold perpetrators accountable and keep victims and their children safe from future harm.

We look forward to working with you throughout the reauthorization process. To add your organization to this list, please contact ReauthorizeVAWA@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Juley Fulcher with Break the Cycle at jfulcher@breakthecycle.org, Rob Valente with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges at robvalente@dvpolicy.com, or Terri Poore with the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence at tpoore@fcasv.org.

Sincerely,

9to5, National Association of Working Women
A CALL TO MEN
AAUW
Alianza-National Latino Alliance to End Domestic Violence
Alternatives to Family Violence

American Association of University Women
American Civil Liberties Union

American College of Nurse-Midwives

American Indian Housing Organization (AIHO)

American Probation and Parole Association

American Psychiatric Association

Americans Overseas Domestic Crisis Center

ASHA for Women

Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence

ASISTA Immigration Assistance

Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies

Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

Black Women's Blueprint

Black Women's Health Imperative

Break the Cycle

Casa de Esperanza

Church of the Brethren

Coalition of Labor Union Women

Daughters of Penelope

Deaf Abused Women's Network

Disciples Justice Action Network

Disciples Women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Domestic Violence Report

Feminist Majority/Feminist Majority Foundation

Futures Without Violence (formerly the Family Violence Prevention Fund)

General Federation of Women's Clubs

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.

Indian Law Resource Center

Institute on Domestic Violence in the African-American Community

International Association of Forensic Nurses

Japanese American Citizens League

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

Jewish Women International

Joyful Heart Foundation

Korean American Women In Need (KAN-WIN)

Legal Momentum

MANA – A National Latina Organization

Men Can Stop Rape

Men's Resources International

Mennonite Central Committee US

Methodist Federation for Social Action
National Alliance of Women Veterans, Inc

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National American Indian Court Judges Association
National Association of Counties
National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators
National Center for Victims of Crime
National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs
National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Women's Organizations
National Council on Independent Living

National Dating Abuse Hotline
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Domestic Violence Registry
National Housing Law Project
National Institute of Crime Prevention

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
National Legal Aid and Defender Association
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Organization for Women

National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Resource Sharing Project
National Women's Political Caucus
NETWORK – A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Praxis International
Range Women's Advocates
Rape Abuse and Incest National Network
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Security on Campus Inc.
Service Women's Action Network

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
Sisters in Sync

The Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation
Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Union for Reform Judaism
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church (General Board of Church and Society)

Veteran Feminists of America
Voices of Men
Witness Justice
Women of Color Network
Women's Information Network

Women's Law Project