



## National Task Force to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

August 27, 2018

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sheila Jackson Lee,

We, the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (“NTF”) applaud you for introducing the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2018. The NTF is a national collaboration comprising a large and diverse group of national, tribal, state, territorial, and local organizations, advocates, and individuals, including the undersigned organizations, that focuses on the development, passage and implementation of effective public policy to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (“the four crimes”). Your bill makes modest yet vital updates to the existing Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) that are based on the needs identified by direct service providers who work daily with victims and survivors of the four crimes. We appreciate your shared commitment to passing a bipartisan Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2018 that is tailored to appeal to Members of Congress across the political spectrum.

Your bill makes important investments in prevention, a priority identified not only by people who work with victims and survivors daily but also by the bipartisan Women’s Caucus. Providing resources to implement evidence-based prevention programming makes our communities safer and, ultimately, saves taxpayers money. It also safeguards important protections that ensure all victims and survivors have access to safety and justice and provides a mechanism to hold predators who prey on Native women accountable. Moreover, it provides law enforcement with new tools to protect their communities, offers protections for survivors in federal public, subsidized, and assisted housing, supports victims and survivors who need assistance rebuilding financially, addresses the needs of underserved communities, and improves the healthcare response to the four crimes.

In short, the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2018 is a narrow bill with a wide impact. We hope that your colleagues on both sides of the aisle will recognize the importance of this legislation to their constituents and join us in supporting it. Thank you, again, for being a champion for victims and survivors.

Sincerely,



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## **National Organizations**

AF3IRM

AFPDE

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

Black Women's Blueprint

Break the Cycle

Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities

Children's National Health System

Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

Domestic Survivors Support Group

Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)

End Rape on Campus

FORGE, Inc.

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Futures Without Violence

Gender Violence Program

General Federation of Women's Clubs

Girls, Inc.

GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality

Human Rights Campaign

Indrani's Light Foundation

Jana's Campaign, Inc

Jewish Women International

Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation

Joyful Heart Foundation

Lake Research Partners

Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund

Medical Students for Choice

NAACP

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs

National Congress of American Indians

National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges



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National Network to End Domestic Violence  
National Organization for Women (NOW)  
National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
People for the American Way  
Project #Storm  
Safe Horizon  
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)  
Sexual Assault Awareness, LLC  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Institute Justice Team  
Stop It Now!  
Stop Street Harassment  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
The National Center for Victims of Crime  
U.S. Women and Cuba Collaboration  
Ujima Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community  
UNLV Women's Center  
Veteran Feminists of America  
YWCA USA

## **State, Regional, and Local Organizations**

### **Alabama**

AshaKiran, Inc.  
Crisis Services of North Alabama  
Lighthouse Counseling Inc.  
Montgomery Area Family Violence Program, Inc.

### **Arizona**

Against Abuse, Inc.  
Alice's Place  
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence  
Arizona South Asians for Safe Families  
Catholic Community Services Yuma  
Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse  
Eve's Place  
Mt. Graham Safe House  
Northland Family Help Center  
Time Out, Inc.

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
FOCUS, Inc.



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## **California**

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault  
Balm in Gilead Domestic Abuse Ministry  
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)  
California National Organization for Women  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
Center For A Non Violent Community  
Center for Community Solutions  
Center for the Pacific Asian Family  
Community Violence Solutions  
Desert Sanctuary Inc.  
Empower Yolo, Inc  
Family Services of Tulare County  
Friends of the Family  
Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, A Native American DV/SA Program  
Korean American Family Service Center  
Live Violence Free  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Monarch Services  
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center  
Option House, Inc.  
Orange County Chapter, National Organization For Women  
Project Sister Family Services  
San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services INC  
Stand Up Placer, Inc.  
STAND! for Families Free of Violence  
Tahoe SAFE Alliance  
The Center for Violence-Free Relationships  
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach  
Verity  
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center  
Women's Center-Youth & Family Services  
YWCA Greater Los Angeles

## **Colorado**

Advocate Safehouse Project  
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment  
Domestic Safety Resource Center  
Hilltop Community Resources  
Hispanic Affairs Project  
Project Hope of Gunnison Valley



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Project Safeguard  
Pueblo Rape Crisis Services  
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center  
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center  
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence  
The Blue Bench  
University of Colorado Hospital  
Voces Unidas for Justice  
Western Slope Against Trafficking  
YWCA of Pueblo

## **Connecticut**

The Center for Family Justice  
The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence

## **Delaware**

Delaware Opportunities Inc.- Safe Against Violence

## **Florida**

AVDA - Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
Broward County NOW  
Broward Women's Emergency Fund, Inc  
Center Against Sexual Assault  
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence  
Hearts of Hope  
Jacksonville Area National Organization for Women  
The Shelter for Abused Women & Children

## **Georgia**

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Rape Response

## **Idaho**

Bingham Crisis Center  
SW Idaho NOW

## **Illinois**

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
DOVE, Inc.  
DuPage National Organization for Women (NOW)  
Guardian Angel Community Services  
Illinois Accountability Initiative



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Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Illinois National Organization for Women  
Kane County Chapter, National Organization for Women  
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault (KC-CASA)  
Mutual Ground, Inc.  
North/Northwest Suburban Illinois NOW  
Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault  
Pillars Community Health  
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling  
Safe Journeys (ADV & SAS)  
Sarah's Inn  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service  
VOICES of Stephenson County  
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago  
YWCA Stepping Stones

## **Indiana**

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Indiana NOW  
Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence

## **Iowa**

Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence  
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center  
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)  
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

## **Kansas**

BrightHouse, Inc  
Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, Inc.  
Options Inc  
SAFEHOME  
SOS, Inc  
Wichita Family Crisis Center

## **Kentucky**

Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center  
Sanctuary, INC.  
The Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs

## **Louisiana**

D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)



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Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault  
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy  
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response  
St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center  
Washington Parish Sexual Assault Center/ADAPT, Inc.

## **Maine**

Aroostook Mental Health Center  
Immigrant Resource Center Of Maine  
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
Rape Response Services  
Safe Passage  
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center  
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services  
Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine  
Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

## **Maryland**

Angarita Consulting Services, LLC  
CASA, Inc  
Crisis Intervention Center  
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center  
Family Crisis Center Inc  
Family Support Center  
For All Seasons, Inc.  
Heartly House, Inc.  
Hope Harbor  
HopeWorks of Howard County  
House of Ruth  
Jane Doe Inc., the MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence  
Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA)  
Life Crisis Center, Inc  
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
NMIC  
The Rest Of A Life (TROAL)

## **Massachusetts**

Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence  
Boston Medical Center Domestic Violence Program  
Casa Myrna Vazquez  
Counseling In Collaboration, LLC



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Healing Abuse Working for Change  
National Association of Social Workers- MA Chapter  
New Hope, Inc  
South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center  
YWCA Central Massachusetts

## **Michigan**

HAVEN  
Centro Multicultural La Familia  
Community Health and Social Services Center

## **Minnesota**

Alternatives to Violence  
Day One of Crime Victim Services  
HOPE Coalition  
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women  
Missions Inc. Programs  
Standpoint

## **Mississippi**

Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

## **Missouri**

MOCSA  
Kansas City Anti Violence Project  
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

## **Montana**

Angela's Piazza: drop-In Center  
ASPEN Abuse Support & Prevention Education Network  
City of Bozeman for CEDAW  
Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault (CNADA)  
Domestic and Sexual Violence Services  
Mineral County Attorney's Office, Montana  
Missoula County Relationship Violence Services  
Montana Chapter of the National Organization for Women  
Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Montana Families PLLC  
Sanders County Coalition For Families  
YWCA Missoula

## **Nebraska**

Haven House





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## **Nevada**

Consolidated Agencies of Human Services  
Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc.  
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Pershing County Domestic Violence Intervention INC  
S.A.F.E. House, Inc.  
SafeNest, Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence

## **New Hampshire**

New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse  
Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program  
Starting Point  
Turning Points Network  
Voices Against Violence  
WISE  
YWCA NH

## **New Jersey**

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
New Jersey Tenants Organization  
Northern New Jersey Chapter, National Organization for Women  
Sussex County National Organization for Women

## **New Mexico**

Community Against Violence (CAV)  
El Refugio Inc.

## **New York**

A New Hope Center, Inc.  
Advocacy Center of Tompkins County  
Arab-American Family Support Center  
Center for Safety & Change, Inc.  
Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc.  
Keuka Counseling - A Healing Journey  
L.I. Against Domestic Violence  
Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.  
Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee  
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault  
New York City Anti-Violence Project  
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center (PNWWRC)



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## RISE

Rochester NOW

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

Safe Homes of Orange County

Sakhi for South Asian Women

SEPA Mujer Inc.

STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services, Inc (Advocate Program, Crisis Services)

The Mount Sinai SAVI Program

The Safe Center LI, Inc.

Vera House, Inc.

Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

Wellspring

YWCA Northeastern NY

## **North Carolina**

NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Durham Crisis Response Center

Equality North Carolina

Family Services of Davidson County

Hannah's Place, Inc.

Mitchell County SafePlace Inc.

New Horizons Life and Family Services

Opposing Abuse with Service, Information and Shelter, Inc.

Rainbow Community Cares

True Ridge

Turning Point, Inc.

Wesley Shelter, Inc.

## **North Dakota**

Abused adult resource center

CAWS North Dakota

Community Violence Intervention Center

McLean Family Resource Center

## **Ohio**

Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO)

Haven House of Pickaway Co.

Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)

Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Project Woman

Tri-County Help Center, Inc.

Women Helping Women



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### **Oregon**

Center for Hope & Safety  
Oregon Anti-Violence project  
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Saving Grace  
Tillamook County Women's Resource Center

### **Pennsylvania**

Crisis Intervention Services  
First Pittsburgh Chapter, National Organization for Women  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape  
Southwest PA National Organization For Women  
The Abuse Network, Inc.  
The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Victim/Witness Services  
Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh  
YWCA Bradford Victims' Resource Center

### **Rhode Island**

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center  
Domestic Violence Resource Center Of South County  
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Sojourner House

### **South Carolina**

Beyond Abuse  
Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons  
Hopeful Horizons  
Laurens County SAFE Home  
Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault  
People Against Rape  
Rape Crisis Center (Serving Horry & Georgetown Counties)  
Safe Harbor  
SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Sistercare  
YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

### **Tennessee**

WRAP  
Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee  
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence



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## **Texas**

ACTION thru AWARENESS

Brazos County Rape Crisis Center, Inc. dba Sexual Assault Resource Center

Center Against Sexual and Family Violence

City of Mesquite Attorney's Office

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center

Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc.

Families In Crisis, Inc.

Family Support Services of Amarillo

Focusing Families

Fort Bend Women's Center

Gateway Family Services, Inc.

Grayson Crisis Center

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc.

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC)

Hill Country Crisis Council

HOPE'S DOOR

Hutchinson County Crisis Center, Inc.

Matagorda County Women's Crisis Center

Mid-Coast Family Services

Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center

Mosaic Family Services, Inc.

Noah Project Inc.

Open Arms Rape Crisis Center & LGBT+ Services

Panhandle Crisis Center

Safe Place, Inc

Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas

Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas dba SAFE-T

Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc.

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters

the Montrose Center

The SAFE Alliance

Tralee Crisis Center for Women, Inc.

Waymakers

Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance

Women's Shelter of South Texas dba The Purple Door

## **Vermont**

SafeSpace Anti-Violence Program

## **Virginia**

ACTS Sexual Assault Services



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Blue Ridge Abortion Fund  
Center for Earth--Based Healing of AIWP  
Charlottesville NOW  
Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co.  
Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.  
Doorways for Women and Families  
Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Family Compass  
James House  
Madeline's House  
Mecklenburg County VWAP  
Phoenix Project  
Project Horizon Inc  
Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault (RCASA)  
SAFE, Services to Abused Families  
Sexual Assault Resource Agency  
Shelter House  
Survivors of the Lion's Den, Corp.  
The Haven Shelter and Services, Inc  
The James House  
The Women's Center  
Transitions Family Violence Services  
Virginia Anti-Violence Project  
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance  
Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc.  
YWCA South Hampton Roads

## **Washington**

Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties  
Family Crisis Network  
New Beginnings  
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)  
Washington State NOW

## **West Virginia**

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter  
CONTACT Rape Crisis Center  
Family Crisis Intervention Center  
Family Refuge Center  
Shenandoah Women's Center  
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Women's Aid in Crisis  
Women's Resource Center



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WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services

## **Wisconsin**

Advocates of Ozaukee Inc

Association for Prevention of Family Violence (APFV)

ASTOP, INC

Diverse & Resilient

End Domestic Abuse WI

Family Advocates, Inc.

HAVEN, INC.

Lac Courte Oreilles Oakwood Haven DV/SA

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers

Northwoods Women, Inc.,d.b.a. New Day Advocacy Center

Rape Crisis Center, Inc.

Reach Counseling Services

Sexual Assault Services of Lutheran Social Services

Stepping Stones, Inc.

The Bridge to Hope

The Haven, Inc.

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

## **Wyoming**

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Wyoming County District Attorney's Office

## **District of Columbia**

Amara Legal Center

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

DC Rape Crisis Center

Deaf Abused Women Network

District Alliance for Safe Housing

District of Columbia Forensic Nurse Examiners

DV LEAP

Empowerhouse

Freedom House, Inc

Justice For Muslims Collective

Mujeres Latinas en Accion

My Sisters' Place

Network for Victim Recovery of DC

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.



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SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders)  
The Family Place  
Whitman-Walker Health

**Northern Mariana Islands**

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence