

August 27, 2018

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

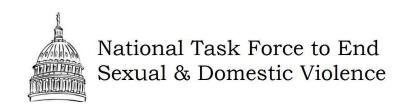
Dear Representative Sheila Jackson Lee,

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,



The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

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

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

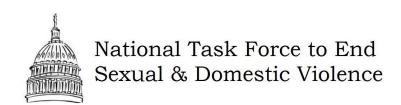
Northland Family Help Center

Time Out, Inc.

Arkansas

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence

FOCUS, Inc.



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

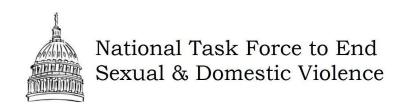
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment

Domestic Safety Resource Center

Hilltop Community Resources

Hispanic Affairs Project

Project Hope of Gunnison Valley



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

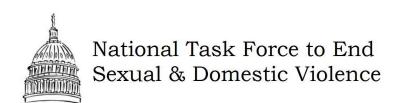
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Rape Response

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



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)

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 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

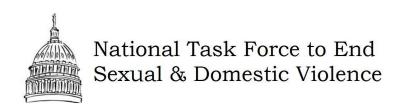
Montana Families PLLC

Sanders County Coalition For Families

YWCA Missoula

Nebraska

Haven House



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

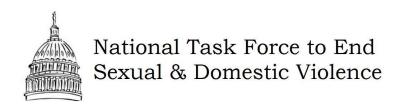
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

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)



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



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

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



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

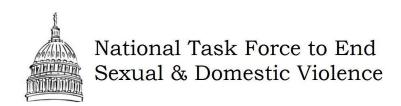
Family Refuge Center

Shenandoah Women's Center

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Women's Aid in Crisis

Women's Resource Center



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

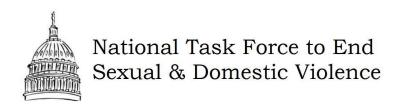
Justice For Muslims Collective

Mujeres Latinas en Accion

My Sisters' Place

Network for Victim Recovery of DC

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.



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

Northern Mariana Islands

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence