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Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
Senator Roy Blunt, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
Senator Patty Murray, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
Representative John Culberson, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
Representative José Serrano, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
Representative Tom Cole, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
Representative Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies

May 1, 2017

Dear Senators Shelby, Shaheen, Blunt, and Murray, and Representatives Culberson, Serrano, Cole, and DeLauro:

The National Taskforce to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF) is comprised of national, state, and local leadership organizations and individuals advocating on behalf of sexual assault and domestic violence victims and women’s rights. The 977 undersigned organizations join with the NTF to urge you to significantly increase funding for federal programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and reject cuts to these critical programs. Domestic and sexual violence are life-threatening, pervasive crimes that affect millions of girls and boys, women and men all across this nation. The President’s FY 18 proposed budget blueprint calls for deep cuts across federal agencies, and these cuts have the potential to eliminate lifesaving services for survivors. Victims of these degrading and life-threatening crimes rely on federally-funded direct services such as shelter, rape crisis services, legal assistance, counseling, and more. Communities across the country rely on federal prevention funding to protect our young people. Federal funding underpins our nation’s improvements to the community-based response to domestic and sexual violence. We encourage you to invest in these vital programs.

Last year’s modest increases in funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), along with sustained funding released from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) are beginning to address a portion of the gap in direct services. However, funding for these cost-effective and essential programs must be increased. Investments in these programs must fulfill the promise of VAWA, FVPSA, and related federal laws by meeting the demand for services.

VAWA, VOCA, and FVPSA are smart investments that have fueled our undeniable national progress in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Our nation has made such phenomenal progress in understanding and addressing sexual and domestic violence because we have made a national, ongoing, annual investment. Before the passage of VAWA, law enforcement often failed to conduct effective investigations and make arrests where appropriate, prosecutors often declined to file charges they could have proven, and courts often neglected or mishandled cases involving survivors and their families. With the passage of VAWA, the infusion of federal funds fostered unprecedented coordination between frontline stakeholders responding to domestic violence and sexual assault crises – police officers, victim service providers, prosecutors, judges, and the criminal and civil justice
systems. VAWA has elevated a national learning community, fostering innovation and promoting best practices. Additionally, federal VAWA funds encourage states to leverage local and state funds in the effort to end these pervasive crimes. VAWA's work is complemented by VOCA, which funds direct services to victims of all types of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and by FVPSA, which is our nation's only dedicated funding source for domestic violence shelters and direct service organizations.

VAWA saved an estimated $12.6 billion in net-averted costs in its first six years alone. Through our nation's combined investments in VAWA, VOCA, and FVPSA, reporting of domestic violence has increased, the rate of non-fatal intimate partner violence against women has decreased by 63 percent and the number of women killed by an intimate partner has decreased by 23 percent. A 2010 study demonstrated that an increase in the number of legal services available is associated with a decrease in intimate partner homicide. Another study found that VAWA funds, particularly the ones supporting law enforcement, were associated with a reduction in rape and aggravated assault. A 2017 study shows the effectiveness of bystander intervention funded through VAWA’s Rape Prevention and Education Program in reducing sexual assault perpetration. A 2008 study shows conclusively that the nation’s domestic violence shelters, funded in significant part by FVPSA, are addressing victims' urgent and long-term needs and are helping victims protect themselves and their children. Additionally, recent increased funding released via VOCA has allowed communities to foster innovation, reduce waitlists, increase services, hire vital staff to help and counsel more survivors, and expand rural services.

Desperate need remains

Despite this progress, shelters, rape crisis centers, and other domestic and sexual violence service providers continue to face budget shortfalls. At the same time, the national spotlight on these crimes is bringing more survivors out of the shadows and increasing requests for prevention programs, which create an increased demand for services. Many programs are forced to turn away victims who are desperate and have nowhere to go.

Almost one in five women in the United States have been the victim of rape or attempted rape, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), yet a 2016 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence shows that the nation’s 1,300 sexual assault programs often lack sufficient resources to meet victims’ most basic needs. Over half (53 percent) of rape crisis centers have a waitlist for counseling services, and almost 40 percent have a waitlist of a month or more for prevention programs. In 2016, almost a quarter of rape crisis centers saw an overall decrease in funds as well as a decrease in staffing - over 100 advocate positions were either laid off or left unfilled.

Over 12 million individuals experience domestic violence annually, according to the CDC. The National Domestic Violence Counts Census found that in just one day in September 2016, while more than 72,959 victims of domestic violence received services, 11,991 requests for services went unmet due to lack of funding and resources. Of those unmet requests, 66 percent were for safe housing. Also in 2016, domestic violence programs laid off approximately 1,200 staff positions. Most of the laid off positions were direct service staff, including counselors, advocates, and children's advocates. Given reduced funding and staff, local programs had to reduce or completely eliminate countless services, including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and counseling.

The federal government funds critical programs at the U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services (HHS) that reach into every community across the nation to provide safety, access to services, and justice for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The formula grant programs and national services include:

- The STOP program (VAWA, DOJ), which improves the criminal justice and wider community response by allowing states and communities to develop coordinated community responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- The Sexual Assault Services Program (VAWA, DOJ), which is the federal government’s only funding source dedicated to sexual assault services and funds rape crisis centers in every state;
- The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA, HHS), which is the federal government’s only dedicated funding stream for domestic violence shelters and outreach programs;
- The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA, DOJ), which is a non-taxpayer fund supporting over 4,000 victim services agencies across the nation to help victims deal with the immediate aftermath of a crime;
• The Rape Prevention and Education Program (RPE, HHS), which supports comprehensive sexual violence prevention in every state for communities and schools; and
• The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) (HHS), which receives approximately half a million contacts per year, Stronghearts Native Helpline (Stronghearts), which serves the specific cultural and jurisdictional needs of native victims of domestic and dating violence, and Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services (ADWAS), which is the only national services program for deaf and hearing-challenged survivors of domestic violence.

VAWA and related discretionary programs complement the state formula grants by propelling innovation and providing targeted responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. All the programs detailed in the attached chart work together to provide a comprehensive response to victims of violence. These include lifesaving legal services; funding for services in rural and remote areas; transitional housing programs to help victims rebuild their lives after violence and abuse; law enforcement improvements such as Sexual Assault Response Teams, initiatives to address the rape kit backlog, and homicide reduction initiatives; services for underserved victims including disabled and elderly victims; funding to ensure compliance with the requirement of serving victims with Limited English Proficiency; programs aimed at children, youth, and college students; projects addressing courts and visitation; programs to respond to the epidemic of sexual assault and domestic violence on tribal lands; projects addressing violence in the workplace; a national domestic violence hotline; and prevention programs and public health responses to violence and abuse.

Other federal programs, including funds to enforce Title IX at the Department of Education and support for Legal Services Corporation (LSC), are part of the critical social safety net for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights (OCR) should receive enhanced funding to continue its work to bring about lasting change on campuses and in K-12, including holding schools accountable and making sure that student survivors receive counseling and other vital accommodations. Legal services are second only to medical services as the most-requested need of victims, and the provision of legal services significantly lowers the incidences of domestic violence. We reject proposed cuts to LSC, which help many survivors of violence access vital legal assistance in the aftermath of a crime. Each of these programs must receive sustained and increased funding to ensure that our communities can build on our years of progress and meet the needs of ALL victims.

**Funding cuts would erode our nation’s progress on this critical issue. We support full funding for VAWA, FVPSA, and related programs, setting the VOCA cap at an average of the past three years’ deposits into the VOCA account, and creating a tribal funding stream in VOCA. We oppose transferring funds from VOCA to fund other programs.**

We call on you to support increased funding for these vital programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monica McLaughlin, National Network to End Domestic Violence at mmclaughlin@nnedv.org or Terri Poore, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence at terri@endsexualviolence.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership in keeping victims safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

**National**
9to5, National Association of Working Women
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
American GI Forum of the US
American Medical Student Association
American Psychological Association
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies
Association of VAWA Administrators
Battered Women's Justice Project
Black Women's Blueprint
Break the Cycle
Purse Power
Red Wind Consulting, Inc.
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
SchoolHouse Connection
SCOPE50
Skidmore College Project on Restorative Justice
The Multiracial Activist
The United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
The William Kellibrew Foundation
Theresa's Fund/DomesticShelters.org
Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Victim Rights Law Center
Violence Policy Center
Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press
Women's Media Center
Young Feminists and Allies: National Organization for Women's (NOW) Inaugural Virtual Chapter
YWCA USA
World Education, Inc.

Alabama
2nd Chance, Inc.
Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
AshaKiran, Inc.
Free2Be Safe Anti-Violence Project
Greater Birmingham National Organization for Women
SafeHouse of Shelby County
YWCA Central Alabama
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Bering Sea Women's Group
Kodaik Women's Resource and Crisis Center
National Organization for Women - Alaska Chapter
Standing Together Against Rape, Inc.

American Samoa
American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Arizona
A New Leaf
Alice's Place
Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, Inc. (ADABI)
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS)
Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix
Catholic Community Services Yuma
Central Phoenix/Inez Casiano NOW Chapter
Colorado River Regional Crisis Services
Eve's Place, Inc.
Kingman Aid to Abused People
National Organization for Women Arizona
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
Tucson NOW Chapter
Verde Valley Sanctuary
DOVES Program
Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

Arkansas
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Families in Transition, Inc.
Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc.

California
Alameda County/Tri--Valley NOW
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Women's Shelter
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
California Elder Justice Coalition
California NOW
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
Center for Domestic Peace
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)
Community Service Programs (CSP)
CORAs (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse)
Esperanza Community Housing Corp
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County
Family Violence Appellate Project
Girls Inc. of Alameda County
Girls Inc. of Greater Los Angeles
Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara
Girls Inc. of Orange County
Girls Inc. of San Diego County
Girls Inc. of the Island City
House of Ruth, Inc.
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
Morongo Basin Unity Home, Inc
Narika
National Organization for Women Orange County
RISE San Luis Obispo County
Ruby's Place
San Gabriel Valley/Whittier NOW
San Joaquin County NOW
South Asian Helpline & Referral Agency
South Asian Network
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition
Tahoe SAFE Alliance (California/Nevada)
Victim Witness Services
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center
WISE & Healthy Aging
YWCA Berkeley/Oakland
YWCA Glendale
YWCA Greater Los Angeles
YWCA of San Diego County
YWCA of the Harbor Area & South Bay
YWCA San Francisco & Marin
YWCA Silicon Valley
Afghan Coalition (California)
Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

**Colorado**
Advocate Safehouse Project
Advocates Building Peaceful Communities
Advocates of Lake County
Alliance Against Domestic Abuse
Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Crisis Center
Crossroads Safehouse, Inc.
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (DOVE)
Domestic Safety Resource Center
Estes Valley Crisis Advocates
Family Crisis Services, Inc.
Kelly Ryan Law, LLC
Latina SafeHouse
Park County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Program
Project PAVE
Project Safeguard
Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
SafeHouse Denver
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center
YWCA Pueblo
Renew / WINGS Safehouse

**Connecticut**
Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc.
Women's Center of Greater Danbury
Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
YWCA New Britain
Delaware
CHILD, Inc.
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence
YWCA Delaware

**District of Columbia**
Amara Legal Center
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
DC Rape Crisis Center
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
Network for Victim Recovery of DC
Ramona's Way
SASS (Sexual Assault Survivors & Supporters)
Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment

**Florida**
Bay County NOW
Betty Griffin Center
Brevard NOW
Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
Florida National Organization for Women
Girls Inc of Jacksonville
Girls Inc of Pinellas
Jacksonville Area National Organization for Women
M.U.J.E.R., Inc.
Greater Orlando NOW
Pasco County NOW
Sexual Assault Services Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
UCF Victim Services
University of Miami School of Law Human Rights Clinic
Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.
Daytona Beach Police Department

**Georgia**
Ahimsa House
Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.
Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Girls Inc. of Albany, GA
Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta
Gwinnett Sexual Assault & Children's Advocacy Center
Hope Harbour
New American Pathways Inc.
Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center
Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Raksha, Inc
Rape Response
SafeHomes of Augusta
Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc.
Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc., DBA Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House

**Guam**
Guam Office of the Governor, Governor's Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office
Project Foresight Inc.
Victim Advocates Reaching Out

**Hawaii**
Hawai`i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Hawaii Counseling and Education Center
Victim Witness Kokua Services, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu

**Idaho**
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
YWCA Lewiston, ID-Clarkston, WA

Illinois
Village of Skokie
A Safe Place
ADV & SAS
Between Friends
Buffalo Grove PD
Campus Advocacy Network
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Crisis Center Foundation
Family Rescue
Harbor House-Kankakee County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Accountability Initiative
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault (KC-CASA)
Mujeres Latinas en Accion
Riverview Center
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
Sexual Assault Family Emergencies
Sojourn Shelter & Services, Inc.
The Child 1st Center
YWCA Evanston/North Shore
YWCA McLean County
YWCA of the University of Illinois
Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)
Evanston YWCA
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois National Organization for Women

Indiana
Beacon of Hope Crisis Center
Coburn Place Safe Haven
Community Anti Violence Alliance
Council on Domestic Abuse, Inc.
Domestic Violence Network
Family Crisis Shelter
Girls Inc. of Monroe Couty
Girls Inc. of Shelbyville/Shelby County
Heminger House
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Indiana Coalition of Domestic Violence
Kosciusko County Shelter for Abuse, Inc.
Middle Way House, Inc.
Rush County Victims Assistance, Inc.
Wabash Valley Alliance Beyond the Violence
YWCA DVIPP
YWCA Evansville
YWCA Greater Lafayette
YWCA North Central Indiana
Desert Rose Foundation, Inc.

Iowa
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center
Crisis Intervention Service (CIS Helps)
Crisis Intervention Services
Domestic Sexual Assault Outreach Center
Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA
Family Crisis Centers
Family Resources Inc
Girls Inc. of Sioux City
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (L.U.N.A.)
Meskwaki Victim Services
Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa
Rape Victim Advocacy Program
Transformative Healing
YWCA Clinton
Riverview Center (Iowa and Illinois)

**Kansas**
Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Life Center of Butler County
Hope Unlimited Inc.
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
Liberal Area Rape Crisis & Domestic Violence Services Inc.
Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, Inc.
Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.
Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Center, Inc.
SOS, Inc
StepStone, Inc.
Wichita Family Crisis Center
YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment
Friends of Yates

**Kentucky**
Bethany House Abuse Shelter, Inc.
DOVES of Gateway
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky, Inc.
The Center for Women and Families
The Healing Program
Women's Crisis Center
Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc.
GreenHouse17

**Louisiana**
Faith House
Family Justice Center of Acadiana
Hearts of Hope
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy
N.O.W. Shreveport-Bossier
Oasis A Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence
Pine Hills Children's Advocacy Center
Project Celebration, Inc.
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR)
St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center
Vietnamese Initiative in Economic Training

**Maine**
Family Crisis Services
Family Violence Project
Hope and Justice Project
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New Hope for Womwn
Next Step Domestic Violence Project
Safe Voices
YWCA Central Maine
YWCA Mount Desert Island

**Maryland**
Court Watch Montgomery
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center at Dimensions Healthcare
Dove Center (DVSARC, Inc)
Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.
Heartly House, Inc.
HopeWorks of Howard County, Inc.
Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA)
Life Crisis Center, Inc.
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Maryland National Organization for Women
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Matters of My Heart, LLC
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
National Organization for Women, Montgomery County, MD, Chapter
NOW, Anne Arundel County Chapter
SARC
Southern Md Center for Family Advocacy
The Bridge, Cecil County Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Program
The Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.
The Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.
Domestic Violence Program at Northwest Hospital
Phynyx Ministries

**Massachusetts**
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Emerge
Girls Inc. of Holyoke
Hagar's Sisters
Jane Doe Inc., the MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center
Mashpee Police Department
New Hope, Inc.
Pathways for Change, Inc.
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Saheli Inc. Support for South Asian Women and Families
The Key Program Inc., Children's Charter Division
Transition House
YWCA Cambridge
YWCA Central Massachusetts
YWCA of Western MA
YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts
Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, Inc/Girls Inc. of the Berkshires

**Michigan**

AWARE, Inc.
Bay Area Women's Center
Blue Water Safe Horizons
Catherine Cobb Safe House
Center for Women in Transition
Child & Family Services of Southwestern Michigan, Inc.
Diane Peppler Resource Center
Domestic Violence Escape, DOVE, Inc. (Michigan and Wisconsin)
Family Counseling and Shelter Services of Monroe County
First Step Project On Domestic and Sexual Violence
HAVEN
Hope Shores Alliance
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence
Roscommon County Prosecuting Atty.
Safe Haven Ministries
SafeHouse Center
Sexual Assault Kit Investigative Team of Calhoun County, Michigan
Sylvia's Place
The Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County
Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Tuscola County Sheriff's Office
Tuscola County Victim Services
Underground Railroad, Inc
Uniting Three Fires Against Violence
Women's Aid Service Inc.
Women's Center, Inc.
YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region
YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit
YWCA West Central Michigan
Child & Family Services of Southwestern Michigan, Inc. (CFSSWMI)
Equality Michigan
Sexual Assault Services - Bronson Battle Creek

**Minnesota**

360 Communities
Alexandra House, Inc.
Anna Marie's Alliance
Breaking Free
Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center
Committee Against Domestic Abuse Inc.
Community Health Service Inc.
Domestic Abuse Project MN
Family Pathways
First Witness Child Advocacy Center
Friends Against Abuse
Hands of Hope Resource Center
HOPE Center
HOPE Coalition
Isanti County Sexual Assault Interagency Council
Isanti County Victim Services
Lakes Crisis & Resource Center
Minnesota Children's Alliance
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
Minnesota NOW
MSP NOW
Northern St. Louis County Sexual Assault Program
Pearl Battered Women's Resource Center
Rape and Abuse Crisis Center (Minnesota and North Dakota)
Refuge Network
Safe Avenues
Sexual Violence Center
Someplace Safe
St. Cloud State University Women's Center
Support Within Reach Sexual Violence Resource Center
Tubman
Violence Intervention Project
Women of Nations
Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), Inc.
YWCA Minneapolis
PAVSA

Mississippi
Catholic Charities, Inc. The Guardian Shelter for Battered Families
Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence
House of Grace, Inc.
Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence
MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault
SW MS Christian Outreach Ministries Inc.
The Domestic Abuse Family Shelter

Missouri
Henry County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Life Source Consultants
Lydia's House, Inc.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (Missouri and Kansas)
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Missouri Victim Assistance Network (MOVA)
National Organization for Women, Columbia Area
Safe Connections
St. Charles County Sexual Assault Taskforce
St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
YWCA St. Joseph
Montana
Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program
Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Carbon County
Lincoln County Attorney's Office
Sanders County Coalition For Families
Saves, Inc
Women's Resource/Community Support Center
YWCA Missoula
Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Nebraska
Bright Horizons Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services
Girls Inc. of Omaha
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Parent-Child Center
Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit
The Bridge
Voices of Hope

Nevada
Alliance for Victims Rights
Committee to Aid Abused Women
Elko Committee Against Domestic Violence
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
S.A.F.E. House, Inc.
Safe Embrace
Safe Nest: Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis
The Rape Crisis Center
The Shade Tree
Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services
UNLV Jean Nidetch Women's Center

New Hampshire
Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire
New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse
New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Starting Point: Services for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence
Voices Against Violence
WISE

New Jersey
National Organization for Women of New Jersey
Bergen County Alternatives To Domestic Violence
CASA of Union County, Inc.
Center for Hope and Safety
Jersey Battered Women's Service, Inc.
Jewish Family Service and Children's Center of Clifton/Passaic
Manavi
Middlesex County National Organization for Women of New Jersey
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
Northern NJ Chapter, National Organization for Women
SAFE in Hunterdon
Salem County Women's Services
Touch Link
Women Aware, Inc.
WomenRising, Inc
YWCA Union County
Wafa House, Inc.

New Mexico
Community Against Violence (CAV)
Family Crisis Center
Girls Incorporated of Santa Fe
HEAL and The Nest
La Casa Inc.
La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico
La Piñon Children's Advocacy Center
Las Cruces Police Department-Victim Assistance Unit
New Mexico Asian Family Center
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.
Rape Crisis Center of Central New Mexico
Resolve
Tewa Women United
The Roswell Refuge
Tri-County Family Justice Center
Valencia Shelter Service (VSS)
YWCA New Mexico

New York
A New Hope Center
Allen Womens Resource Center
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler's First Step Victim Services Program
Catholic Charities of Chenango Co Crime Victims Services
Cattaraugus Community Action Inc.
CDWBA Legal Project, Inc.
Center for Safety & Change, Inc
Chenango County Victim Services
Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center
Crime Victims Treatment Center Mount Sinai West and St. Luke's Hospitals
Day One (New York)
Delaware Opportunities Inc.
Downtown Women for Changr
Family Services
Girls Inc of New York City
Girls Inc. of Long Island
Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region
Good Shepherd Services
Hope's Door
L.I. Against Domestic Violence
Lt.Col.Matt Urban Human Services Center of WNY/p.c.c.b
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center Inc., Domestic Violence Advocacy Program
Montgomery County Domestic Violence and Crime Victims Services
Mount Sinai SAVI Program
New York City Anti-Violence Project
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Rockland County Pride Center
Safe Homes of Orange County
STEPS to End Family Violence
The Retreat
The Safe Center
Turning Point for Women and Families
Vera House, Inc.
Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes Inc.
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County
Violence Intervention Program
Wellspring
Westchester National Organization for Women
Young Women's Christian Association of Rochester and Monroe County
YWCA Niagara Frontier
YWCA Western New York
Advocacy Center of Tompkins County
Equinox Domestic Violence Services
First Step Victim Services Program of Catholic Charities Chemung/Schuyler
Willow Domestic Violence Center
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

North Carolina
Albemarle Hopeline
Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition, Inc.
Carteret County Domestic Violence Program, Inc.
Center for Family Violence Prevention
Compass Center for Women and Families
D.A.N.A (Domestic Abuse is Not Acceptable)
Durham Crisis Response Center
Families First, Inc.
Families Living Violence Free
Family Crisis Council of Rowan County
Family Guidance Center, Inc.
Family Service of the Piedmont
Family Services of Davidson County, Inc.
Fayetteville Chapter of NOW (NC)
Helpmate, Inc.
Kiran, Inc
Mitchell County SafePlace Inc.
North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault
NC National Organization for Women (NOW)
Next Step Ministries, Inc
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
OASIS, Inc. (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information, and Shelter)
Orange County Rape Crisis Center
Pisgah Legal Services
Reach of Cherokee County, Inc.
REACH of Macon County
Safe Alliance
SAFE in Lenoir County, Inc.
Safe Space, Inc
Steps to HOPE, Inc.
The Outer Banks Hotline, Inc.
Turning Point, Inc.
UNC Hospitals Beacon Program
YWCA Central Carolinas
A Safe Home for Everyone

**North Dakota**
CAWS North Dakota (North Dakota Domestic Violence Coalition)
Community Violence Intervention Center
Safe Shelter
Walsh County State's Attorneys' Office
Walsh County Victim Assistance

**Ohio**
A.L.I.V.E., INC
Abuse & Rape Crisis Shelter of Warren County
ACTION OHIO Coalition For Battered Women
Appalachian Peace and Justice Network
Artemis Center
Asian Services In Action - ASIA
Battered Women's Shelter Summit and Medina Counties
Bethany House
City of East Liverpool Law Director's Office
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
CommQuest
COMPASS (Sexual Assault Education, Prevention & Support)
Council on Domestic Violence Inc. DBA: Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services
Crisis Care
Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
Eastlake Police Department Victim Assistance
EVE, Incorporated
Greater Cleveland Chapter, NOW
Help Hotline Crisis Center
HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc.
Huron County Victim Assistance
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland
Lorain County Safe Harbor
Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, Victim/Witness Division
My Sister's Place
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
OneEighty
Personal and Family Counseling Services, an OhioGuidestone Organization
Pro Seniors Inc
ProMedica Health System Forensic Program (Ohio and Michigan)
Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties
Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
Safer Futures
Sisters Of The Kingdom Int'l
The Cocoon
The Nord Center Sexual Assault Services
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.
Willoughby Victim Assistance Program
Women Helping Women
WomenSafe Inc. The Green House
YWCA Dayton
YWCA Greater Cincinnati
YWCA of Northwest Ohio
YWCA Warren
YWCA Youngstown
Crime Victim Services
New Choices Inc.
Ohio Domestic Violence Network

**Oklahoma**
Crisis Control Center, Inc.
Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. (DVIS)
Kaw Nation Domestic Violence
Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Oklahoma Women’s Coalition
Women In Safe Home, Inc.
YWCA Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City Family Justice Center

**Oregon**
Benton County District Attorney’s Office
Bradley Angle
Call to Safety
Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence
Central Oregon Coast NOW
Domestic Violence Resource Center, Washington County Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
Harney County District Attorney’s Office
Helping Hands Against Violence, Inc
High Desert NOW
Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance
Kids’ FIRST Center
Lake County Crisis Center
Malheur County District Attorney Victim Assistance Program
Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office
Oregon Abuse Advocates & Survivors in Service
Oregon Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force
Oregon Crime Victims Law Center
Russian Oregon Social Services
Saving Grace: Imagine Life without Violence
Sexual Assault Resource Center
Peace At Home
Siuslaw Outreach Services
Women’s Crisis Support Team
Women’s Safety & Resource Center
WomanSpace
YWCA of Greater Portland
Clackamas Women’s Services
Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART)
Pennsylvania

Chester County (PA) NOW
Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA
Lutheran Settlement House
Schuylkill Women in Crisis
Southwest PA National Organization For Women
The Abuse Network, Inc.
Transitions of PA
Women's Services, Inc.
YWCA Bradford
YWCA Carlisle
Abuse and Rape Crisis Center
Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.
Beacon of Hope Counseling
Blackburn Center
Bradford Regional Medical Center
Clinton County Women's Center
Crime Victims' Center of Fayette County
Crisis Center North
Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.
Family Services Incorporated
Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey
Juniata County Crime Victim Services
Laurel House
Mifflin County Crime Victim Services
Ni-Ta-Nee NOW (National Organization for Women)
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
Pennsylvania National Organization for Women
PPC Violence Free Network
Sheriff's Office of Fayette County
Stop Abuse For Everyone
Survivors, Inc.
The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour
Victims' Intervention Program
Victims Resource Center
Victims Services Division of the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office
Williamsport NOW
Women's Center of Montgomery County
Women's Help Center, Inc
Women's Resources of Monroe County
Crime Victims' Center of Chester County
Your Safe Haven, Inc.
YWCA Hanover
YWCA Lancaster
YWCA Titusville
YWCA Westmoreland County
Crime Victim Center, Erie PA
Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc.
Sullivan County Victim Services
YWCA Greater Harrisburg
Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico Health Justice Center

Rhode Island
Crossroads Rhode Island
Day One (Rhode Island)
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Sojourner House
Women's Resource Center
YWCA Rhode Island

South Carolina
Barnwell County Victim Advocate
Beyond Abuse
Cherokee County SC Sheriff's Office
Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
My Siter's House, Inc.
Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault
People Against Rape
Pickens County Advocacy Center
Safe Harbor, Inc.
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Sistercare
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

South Dakota
SD Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence

Tennessee
Change Is Possible
Domestic Violence Program and Sexual Assault Services
Fayette Cares
Girls Inc. of Memphis
Haven of Hope, Inc.
Tennessee Voices For Victims
Women Are Safe, Inc.
WRAP (Wo/Men's Resource & Rape Assistance Program
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Texas
Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center
Atascosa Family Crisis Center
Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.
Boat People SOS, Inc. - Houston
Center Against Sexual and Family Violence - El Paso, Texas
Crisis Center of Comal County
Daya Inc.
Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend
Family Support Services of Amarillo, Inc.
Friendship of Women, Inc.
Gateway Family Services, Inc.
Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas
Girls Inc. of San Antonio
Girls Inc. of Tarrant County
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center
Houston Area Women's Center
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
Kendall County Women's Shelter
Odessa Crisis Center
Open Arms Rape Crisis Center & LGBT+ Services
Panhandle Crisis Center, Inc.
Regional Victim Crisis Center
Shelter Agencies for families in East Texas
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc.
The Harbor Children's Alliance & Victim Center
the Montrose Center
The Texas Council on Family Violence
The Women's Center of Tarrant County
Wintergarden Women's Shelter, Inc.
Women's Center of Brazoria County
Women's Shelter of South Texas
Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center
The Family Place
The SAFE Alliance

**Utah**
Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
Center for Women and Children in Crisis
D.O.V.E. Center
Gentle Ironhawk Shelter
KAVA Talks
New Hope Crisis
Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources
Pathways
Peace House
Safe Harbor
Seekhaven
South Valley Services
Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Victim Assistance Program
Washington County Children's Justice Center
Women's Crisis Shelter
YWCA Utah

**Vermont**
Pride Center of Vermont - SafeSpace Program
Project Against Violent Encounters
Sexual Assault Crisis Team
Umbrella, Inc.
Voices Against Violence
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Virgin Islands**
Virgin Islands Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Council

**Virginia**
Center for Earth-Based Healing
Charlottesville Chapter of National Organization for Women Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page County, Inc.
Council on Domestic Violence for Page County, Inc.
Doorways for Women and Families
Hanover Safe Place
Haven of the Dan River Region
James House
Middlesex County Victim Witness
New Directions Center, Inc.
Phoenix Project
Project Horizon, Inc
Rockbridge Valley NOW
Sexual Assault Resource Agency
The Haven Shelter and Services, Inc.
Transitions Family Violence Services
Virginia Anti-Violence Project
Virginia NOW
Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
YWCA of Central Virginia
YWCA Richmond
YWCA South Hampton Roads
Virginia Poverty Law Center
Project Hope at Quin Rivers

**Washington**
Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Jewish Family Service of Seattle
LifeWire
New Beginnings
SafePlace
Tacoma Community House
Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Washington State National Organization for Women
YWCA Clark County
YWCA Olympia
YWCA Pierce County
YWCA Seattle King & Snohomish
YWCA Spokane
YWCA Walla Walla
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

**West Virginia**
CHANGE, Inc./The Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter
CONTACT Huntington, Inc.
Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V, Inc.
Family Refuge Center
HOPE, Inc.
Monongalia County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Monongalia County Victim Assistance Program
Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center
REACH / The Counseling Connection
Safe Housing and Economic Development, Inc
SAFE, INC
Shenandoah Women's Center
Tug Valley Recovery Shelter
Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center, Inc.
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services
Women's Aid In Crisis
Branches Domestic Violence Shelter
Women's Resource Center
YWCA of Wheeling Family Violence Prevention Program

**Wisconsin**
American Indians Against Abuse
ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center
AVAIL, Inc.
Barron County District Attorney's Office
Canopy Center, Inc.
Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.
Chippewa County (Wisconsin) District Attorney's Office
Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
Community Referral Agency
Domestic Abuse Intervention Services
Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc.
Embrace Services, Inc.
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (Wisconsin Domestic Violence Coalition)
Family Advocates, Inc.
Family Services NEW Sexual Assault Center
Family Support Center
Fox Valley Voices of Men
Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs
Jackson County Victim/Witness Services
Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth
New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, Inc.
Passages, Inc.
Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
Safe Haven
Sexual Assault Services of Lutheran Social Services
Stepping Stones, Inc.
The Women's Community
Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Women and Children's Horizons
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin
YWCA Wausau
People Against a Violent Environment

**Wyoming**
Advocacy & Resource Center
Albany County SAFE Project
Converse Hope Center
Crisis Prevention & Response Center
Crook County Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services Inc.
FOCUS, Inc.
Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation
Goshen County Task Force on Family Violence & Sexual Assault
Sexual Assault & Family Violence Task Force Inc
The Fremont County Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
WCADVSA Legal Assistance to Victims Program
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Cc: Full House and Senate Appropriations Committees

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| Rape Kit Backlog Community Response                        | $41.00       | $45.00       | $41.00                   | $45.00                | TBD                 | $45.00           |

| VOCA Fund Cap ¶                                            | $2.36B       | $3.04B       | $2.00B                   | $2.95B                | $2.74B              | $2.60B           |
| Tribal Funding Stream                                      | -            | $0.00        | $25.00                   | $147.00               | $136.00             | 10%              |
| Funding for OJP/OVW Programs                               | -            | $379.00      | $456.00                  | $379.00               | -                   | -                |
| Victim Compensation/Other Statutory and Administrative Spending | $410.00     | $403.00 (est.) | $362.00 (est.)          | $417.00 (est.)        | $416.1 (est.)      | -                |
| State Victim Assistance Grants                             | $1.950B      | $2.258B (est.) | $1.157B (est.)         | $2.013B (est.)        | $2.184B (est.)     | -                |
### VAWA and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Years 15, 16, and 17

Campaign for Funding to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

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¥ In FYs12-16, $4 million has been set aside in GTEAP (now called Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR)) for a homicide reduction initiative, Senate CJS FY17 includes both a $4 million set aside for a homicide reduction initiative and $4 for a firearm lethality reduction initiative, and House CJS includes at $4 million set aside for a homicide reduction initiative.

‡ VAWA 2013 consolidated youth and prevention programs into two programs, which have been further consolidated via appropriations for the past several years. The individual programs are called “CHOOSE” and “SMART.”

¶ VOCA: Tribal funding: We support establishing a VOCA Tribal funding stream at 10% of VOCA funds. The President’s 17 Budget proposed $25 million for tribal victim services and the FY 16 Senate CJS bill allocated $52 million for tribes. Set-asides and State Victim Assistance Grants: We object to proposals and bills that transfer funds from Crime Victims Fund to other accounts (e.g. FY 16 omnibus/FY 17 President’s proposed budget). Victim Compensation and other amounts deducted from the VOCA release are designated by statute or by the Administration, not decisions made in the Appropriations bills. These numbers are included in the chart to demonstrate the relevant variables that lead to the final funding allocation for State Victim Assistance grants. State Victim Assistance grants fund local organizations to provide direct services to victims in crisis. We request report language that would expand the purpose areas of the Office of Victims of Crime’s discretionary funding (42 U.S.C. 10603(c)) to include innovative and needed victim services such as hotlines and helplines (including digital services), nationwide or multi-State crime victim services, and services for U.S. citizens who are victims of crimes committed outside of the United States. Previously, Congress has appropriated $12 million for this purpose and the President request $25 million in FY 17.

* FVPSA, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and DELTA are authorized through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). The President’s FY17 request includes $1 million to establish a new Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence, which would build capacity in tribes across the State to develop effective, local responses to domestic violence.

**This funding increase would maintain and increase capacity of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, fund a tribal domestic violence hotline, and other hotline-related projects.

Δ PHHSBG is authorized through the Public Health Services Act and includes a mandatory set-aside for providing services to rape victims and for rape prevention.

☆ The Rape Survivors Child Custody Act boosts VAWA funding for states that allow for women to petition for the termination of parental rights based on clear & convincing evidence that a child was conceived through rape.