



National Task Force to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

Honorable Members
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Members of the United States House of Representatives,

We, the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (“NTF”) and our allies, applaud your consideration of H.R.1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019. The NTF is a national collaboration comprising a large and diverse group of national, tribal, state, territorial, and local organizations, advocates, and individuals 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”). Signatories to this letter include both organizations affiliated with the NTF and allied organizations that support VAWA reauthorization. H.R.1585 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 Congress's shared commitment to passing the bipartisan Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 that is tailored to appeal to Members of Congress across the political spectrum.

H.R. 1585 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 taxpayer 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.

Now is not the time to maintain the status quo, nor is it acceptable to turn back the clock and reduce access to safety and justice for victims and survivors. Survivors and communities have very real, identified needs. H.R.1585 responds to these needs, preventing future violence, serving victims, and holding offenders accountable. In short, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 is a narrow bill with a wide impact. We hope that 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 and safe communities.

Sincerely,

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence & Allied Organizations

9to5, National Association of Working Women - WI Chapter	Milwaukee, WI
A New Hope Center	Owego, NY
A Safe Place	Festus MO
A Safe Place, Inc.	Nantucket, MA
A/E NOW	Alton, IL
ACTION OHIO Coalition For Battered Women	Columbus, OH
Advocate Safehouse Project	Glenwood Springs, CO
African American Roundtable	Milwaukee, WI
Alaska Natives Against Domestic Violence	Anchorage, AL
Albemarle Hopeline, Inc.	Elizabeth City, NC
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas	Oxnard, CA
Alternative House	Lowell, MA
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Washington, DC
American Gateways	Austin, TX
American GI Forum of the US	San Antonio, TX
American Public Health Association	Washington, DC
Amethyst Three	Hatfield, PA
And Now She Rises	Afton, MN
Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center	Billings, MT
Anti-Defamation League	Washington, DC
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence	Phoenix, AZ
Asian Services in Action	Akron, OH
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Boston, MA
ASISTA	Suffield, CT
ASPEN	Livingston, MT
Atrium Health	Charlotte NC
AVAIL, Inc.	Antigo, WI
Be The Voice	Greenville, NC
Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC)	Milwaukee, WI
Blackburn Center	Greensburg, PA
Bolton Refuge House, Inc.	Eau Claire, WI
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	Cambridge, MA
BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz	Charlotte, NC
Brigham and Women's Hospital	Boston, MA

BrightHouse	Hutchinson, KS
Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter	Brookings, SD
Brookview House	Boston, MA
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)	Sacramento, CA
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence	Sacramento, CA
Cambridge Women's Center	Cambridge, MA
Camden County Women's Center	Camden, NJ
CARE of Atchison County	Tarkio, MO
Casa de Esperanza: National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities	St. Paul, MN
Casa de Misericordia	Laredo, TX
Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.	Boston, MA
Catholic Charities	Buffalo, NY
CAWS North Dakota	Bismarck, ND
Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse Bayfield County Outreach	Washburn, WI
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies	San Francisco, CA
Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery	Boston, MA
Central New York National Organization for Women Chapter	Syracuse, NY
Centro Multicultural La Familia	Pontiac, MI
Charlottesville NOW	Charlottesville, VA
Charlottesville NOW	Charlottesville, NC
Child Justice, Inc.	Silver Spring, MD
Choices of Page County	Luray, VA
Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse	Oak Harbor, WA
City High United Latina Association	Iowa City, IA
Clinton County Women's Center, Inc.	Lock Haven, PA
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence	Seattle, WA
Coalition of Labor Union Women	Washington, DC
Community Legal Advocates of NY	Garden City, NY
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute	Washington DC
COPE INC	Ruidoso, NM
Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.	Luray, VA
Counseling Services	Omaha, NE
County Attorney's Office, Mineral County, MT	Superior, MT

Covenant Faith Outreach Ministries/CCDC	Tupelo, MS
Crime Victim Advocate Office	Missoula, MT
Crime Victim Center of Erie	Erie, PA
Crime Victim Services	Lima, OH
Crisis And Referral Emergency Services	Big Horn County, WY
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center	Adel, IA
Crisis Intervention Center	Fort Smith, AR
CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence	East Hartford, CT
Day One	Providence, RI
Dayton Women's Rights Alliance	Dayton, OH
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (DOVE)	Denver, CO
Delora Sanchez	Odenton, MD
Disciples Women	Indianapolis, NC
Displaced Homemakers Network of NJ, Inc.	Hackensack, NJ
DivaNation Against Battered Women	Concord, NC
Domestic & Sexual Violence Services	Red Lodge, MT
Domestic Safety Resource Center	Lamar, CO
Domestic Violence Action Center	Honolulu, HI
Domestic Violence Center	Chester County, PA
Domestic Violence Intervention Program	Iowa City, IA
Doorways for Women and Families	Arlington, VA
Dove Center (Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center, Inc.)	Oakland, MD
Durham Crisis Response Center, Inc.	Durham, NC
DV LEAP	Washington, DC
Eagle's Wings Food Pantry	Washington, NC
Earth Rights	Eureka Springs AR
El Refugio Inc.	Silver City, NM
Elevation Law LLC	Dillon, CO
End Domestic Abuse WI	Madison, WI
End Rape on Campus	Washington, DC
Endless Voice Productions LLC	Mount Vernon, NY
Enlace Comunitario	Albuquerque, NM
Equality North Carolina	Raleigh, NC
Equitas Health	Columbus, OH

Families First, Inc.	Whiteville, NC
Families Living Violence Free	Oxford, NC
Family Abuse Services of Alamance County	Burlington, NC
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Troy, OH
Family and Community Resources, Inc.	Brockton, MA
Family and Community Resources, Inc.	Hyannis, MA
Family Crisis Center, Inc.	Great Bend, KS
Family Crisis Council of Rowan, Inc.	Salisbury, NC
Farmworker Justice	Washington, DC
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence	Tallahassee, FL
FOCUS, Inc.	Newcastle, WY
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Washington, DC
Friends of the Family	Waterloo, IA
General Federation of Women's Clubs	Washington, DC
Global Justice Institute, Metropolitan Community Churches	New York, NY
GreenLatinos	Washington, DC
Hale Hoomalu DV Shelter	Hoolehua, HI
Hamilton County NOW	Carmel, IN
HANA Center	Chicago IL
Hi-lines Help for Abused Spouses	Conrad, MT
HICA	Birmingham, AL
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)	San Antonio, TX
Hispanic Federation	Washington DC
Hispanics in Philanthropy	Washington, DC
Hoke County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center	Raeford, NC
Hollywood NOW (National Org for Women)	Hollywood, CA
HOPE Agency	Thermopolis, WY
Hope and Justice Project	Presque Isle, ME
HOPE Coalition	Red Wing, MN
HOPE of East Central Illinois	Charleston, IL
HOPE of Ogle County	Rochelle, IL
House of Peace Publications	Nashville, NC
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault	Springfield, IL
Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance	Cave Junction, OR

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota	St. Paul, MN
Immigrant Legal Resource Center	San Francisco, CA
Immigration Center for Women and Children	San Francisco, LA, San Diego, California (+ Las Vegas, NV)
InCourage	Manitowoc, WI
Indiana National Organization for Women	Indianapolis, IN
Indianapolis National Organization for Women	Indianapolis, IN
Indivisible Cayuga	Auburn, NY
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Urbandale, IA
Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	Boston, MA
Janus Community Clinic	Santa Cruz, CA
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Inc.	Newburyport, MA
Jewish Council for Public Affairs	New York, NY (National)
Jewish Family & Children's Service	Waltham, MA
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland	Beachwood, OH
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago	Chicago, IL
Jewish Women International	Washington, DC
Joyful Heart Foundation	New York, NY
KAN-WIN	Park Ridge, IL
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence	Topeka, KS
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	Frankfort, KY
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	Renton WA
Kiran, Inc	Raleigh, NC
Klamath Crisis Center	Klamath Falls, OR
Kosciusko County Shelter for Abuse, Inc. DBA The Beaman Home	Warsaw, IN
La Casa, Inc	Las Cruces, NM
LARC DVS	Liberal, KS
Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer	Des Moines, IA
LatinoJustice PRLDEF	New York, NY
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	Redwood City, CA
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund	New York, NY
Lutheran Community Services Northwest	Spokane, WA
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault	Augusta, ME

MALDEF	Washington, DC
MANA, A National Latina Organization	Washington, DC
Manavi	New Brunswick, NJ
Marathons Against Domestic Violence	Tulsa, OK
March For Our Lives	Parkland, FL
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault	Maryland
Miami Dade Community Services	Miami, FL
Miami NOW	Miami, FL
Middle Way House	Bloomington, IN
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault	St Paul, MN
MISSION: Compassion	Phoenix, AZ
Missoula City-County Relationship Violence Services	Missoula, MT
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	Jefferson City, MO
MN National Organization for Women	Minnesota
Moccasins if Hope	Ponca City, OK
MOCSA	Kansas City, MO
Monroe County Indiana National Organization for Women	Bloomington, IN
Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	Helena, MT
MUJER, Inc.	Homestead, FL
Mujeres Latinas en accion	Chicago, IL
NAACP	Washington, DC
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence	Washington, DC
National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women	Philadelphia, PA
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)	Madison, WI
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Denver, CO
National Council of Jewish Women	Washington, DC
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	Reno, NV
National Domestic Violence Hotline	Austin, TX
National Hispanic Media Coalition	Pasadena, CA
National Hispanic Medical Association	Washington, DC
National Immigrant Justice Center	Washington, DC
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health	National
National Latinx Psychological Association	New Haven, CT
National Organization for Women	Washington, DC

National Organization for Women - New York	New York, NY
National Organization for Women Washtenaw Chapter	Ypsilanti, MI
Native American Law Student Association, Montana Chapter	Missoula, MT
NC A&T State University	Greensboro, NC
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault	Raleigh, NC
NC National Organization for Women (NC NOW)	Raleigh, NC
NC Stop Human Trafficking	Farmville, NC
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice	Washington, DC
Network of Victim Assistance NOVA	Jamison, PA
New Beginnings	Seattle, WA
New Choices Inc.	Sidney, OH
New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	New Hampshire
New Hope	Attleboro, MA
New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers	La Crosse, WI
New Horizons:Life and Family Services	Rockingham, NC
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence	New Jersey
NHCSL - The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators	Washington, DC
Nisaa African Family Services	Des Moines, IA
NMIC	New York, NY
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Durham, NC
North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force	Fargo, ND
North/Northwest Suburban IL NOW	Northbrook, IL
Northern New Jersey NOW	Bergen and Passaic County, NJ
Northwest Indiana NOW	Valparaiso, IN
NOW	Peoria, AZ
NOW New Jersey	Mountainside, NJ
NOW North/Northwest Suburban Chapter	Northbrook, IL
On The Rise, Inc.	Cambridge, MA
Our VOICE, Inc.	Asheville, NC
OutFront Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN
PA Coalition Against Rape	Harrisburg, PA
Partnership of Ashe - A Safe Home for Everyone	Jefferson, NC
Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Pathways for Change, Inc. Rape Crisis Center	Worcester, MA

Peace Alliance	Arlington, VA
Peace Over Violence	Los Angeles, CA
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape	Harrisburg, PA
Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	York, PA
Pennsylvania NOW	Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix Counseling Center	Gastonia, NC
Pillars of Peace, Inc.	New York, NY
Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force	Clearwater, FL
Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force Fatality Review Team	Largo, FL
Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative	Dover Foxcroft, ME
Prevention and Training Services, Inc.	Lansing, MI
Prison Book Program	Quincy, MA
Project Hope of Gunnison Valley	Gunnison, CO
Project Horizon, Inc.	Lexington, VA
Project Safeguard	Denver, CO
Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment of UW-Stevens Point	Stevens Point, WI
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.	Marinette, WI
Rape Crisis Center, Inc.	Madison, WI
Rays of Freedom Non Profit Organization	San Antonio, TX
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.	Waltham, MA
Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise Center of UMB	Baltimore, MD
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association	Wyncote, PA
Renew Inc.	Cortez, CO
Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County	Galveston, TX
Rhode Island Chapter of the National Organization for Women	Providence, RI
Rid Racism Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI
Rosie's Place	Boston, MA
Rural Coalition	Washington, DC
Ruth's House	Washington, NC
S.A.F.E., Inc.	Tupelo, MS
sa-policy-watch	San Diego, CA
Safe Connections	Saint Louis, MO
Safe Homes of Orange County	Newburgh, NY

Safe Horizon	New York, NY
Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter and Crisis Intervention Center	Moberly, MO
Safehome, Inc	Overland Park, KS
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence	Boulder, CO
Salem County Women's Services	Salem, NJ
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center	Alamosa, CO
Sanctuary for Families	New York, NY
Santa Fe NOW	Sante Fe, NM
Serenity, Inc.	Mountain Home, AR
Sexual Assault and Family Violence Task Force, Inc.	Evanston, WY
Sexual Assault and Violence Education by Students (SAVES) at Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, VA
Shelter House, Inc.	Reston, VA
Sisters of Mercy's Institute Justice Team	Silver Spring, MD
Someplace Safe	Fergus Falls, MN
SOS, Inc	Emporia, KS
South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center	Plymouth, MA
Spanish American Center	Leominster, MA
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	Chalmette, LA
St. Martha's Hall	St. Louis, MO
StepStone, Inc.	Wichita, KS
Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE)	Clarion, PA
STOP Domestic Violence	Plattsburgh, NY
SurvJustice	Washington, DC
Suzanne Lewis	Laramie, WY
Synergy Services, Inc.	Parkville, MO
Tahoe SAFE Alliance	CA/NV
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault	Austin, TX
The Abuse Network, Inc.	Lewistown, PA
The Abuse Network, Inc.	Mifflintown, PA
The Abuse Network, Inc.	Huntingdon, PA
The Avenue Family Network, Inc	Benton Harbor, MI
The Blue Bench	Denver, CO
The Bridge to Hope	Menomonie, WI

The Gay & Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada	Las Vegas, NV
The P.E.A.C.E. INITIATIVE	San Antonio, TX
The Sexual Assault Counseling Center	Bozeman, MT
The SODA Fund, Inc.	Potomac, MD
The Tracking Hope Foundation	Oregon
The United State of Women	Washington, DC
The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour	Bloomsburg, PA
The Women's Community	Wausau, WI
Theresa's Fund	Phoenix, OH
Through These Doors	Portland, ME
Tiaraed Warrior	Evanston, IL
TLK Inc	Orlando, FL
Together We Will Long Island	New York, NY
Trans-Latina DMV	Baltimore, MD
Transition House	Cambridge MA
Transitions of PA	Lewisburg, PA
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.	OH
Tundra Women's Coalition	Bethel, AK
Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence	River Falls, WI
UBLAC (Uplifting Black Liberation and Community)	Milwaukee, WI
UnidosUS	Washington, DC
Union for Reform Judaism	New York, NY
Unión=Fuerza Latinx Institute	Washington, DC
United Steelworkers	Pittsburgh, PA
University of Southern Florida-St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg, FL
V.I. Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Council	Christiansted, VI
Vera House Inc.	Syracuse, NY
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk	Islandia, NY
VictimsVoice	Princeton, NJ
Violence Intervention Program	New York, NY
Violence Prevention Center	Grand Marais, MN
Violence Recovery Program	Boston, MA
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance	Richmond, VA
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs	Olympia, WA

Whole Health Outreach	Ellington, MO
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault	Madison, WI
Women Against Abuse	Philadelphia, PA
Women of Reform Judaism	New York, NY
Women's Aid in Crisis	Parsons, WV
Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Women's Resource Center	Scranton, PA
Women's Resource Center of Florida, Inc.	Winter Haven, FL
Women's Shelter, Inc.	Rochester, MN
Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice	Saint Louis, MO
Women's Center, Inc.	Marquette, MI
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Laramie, WY
Your Safe Haven, Inc.	Bedford, PA
YWCA Asheville	Asheville, NC
YWCA Berkeley/Oakland	Berkeley, CA
YWCA Billings	Billings, MT
YWCA Cambridge	Cambridge, MA
YWCA Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
YWCA Central Alabama	Birmingham, AL
YWCA Central Massachusetts	Worcester, MA
YWCA Clark County	Vancouver, WA
YWCA Delaware	Wilmington, DE
YWCA Elgin	Elgin, IL
YWCA Enid	Enid, OK
YWCA Evanston/North Shore	Evanston, IL
YWCA Evansville	Evansville, IN
YWCA Glendale	Glendale, CA
YWCA Greater Austin	Austin, TX
YWCA Greater Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA
YWCA Greater Johnstown	Johnstown, PA
YWCA Greater Los Angeles	Los Angeles CA
YWCA Hamilton	Hamilton, OH
YWCA Lancaster	Lancaster, PA
YWCA Mohawk Valley	Utica, NY

YWCA Northwestern Illinois	Rockford, IL
YWCA of Kauai	Lihue, HI
YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit	Detroit, MI
YWCA of Mount Desert Island	Bar Harbor, MW
YWCA of Van Wert County	Van Wert, OH
YWCA of Watsonville	Watsonville, CA
YWCA of Western Massachusetts	Springfield, MA
YWCA Olympia	Olympia, WA
YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley	Pasadena, CA
YWCA Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ
YWCA Pierce County	Tacoma, WA
YWCA San Francisco & Marin	San Francisco, CA
YWCA Seattle King Snohomish	Seattle, WA
YWCA Seattle King Snohomish	Seattle, WA
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin	Milwaukee, WI
YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts	New Bedford, MA
YWCA Spokane	Spokane, WA
YWCA USA	Washington, DC
YWCA Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
YWCA Yakima	Yakima, WA