



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT (VAWA) 2019

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) supports **comprehensive, effective, and cost-saving** responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. VAWA gives states and communities tools to help victims based on local and statewide needs and priorities. **VAWA expired in 2018 and must be reauthorized to provide safety and justice for all survivors.**

We support H.R. 1585, a bipartisan VAWA reauthorization bill with key improvements and no rollbacks of current protections and provisions. Our priorities for VAWA reauthorization include:

NO ROLLBACKS OF CURRENT PROTECTIONS

- Safeguard current VAWA provisions to ensure *all* victims and survivors have access to safety and justice.

INCREASE INVESTMENT IN DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Increase the authorization of the Rape Prevention & Education Program (RPE) to \$150 million and specifically include sexual harassment to its authorized use.
- Increase funding for VAWA Consolidated Youth grants, which engage men and boys as allies and promote healthy relationships to reduce gender-based violence.

END IMPUNITY FOR NON-NATIVE PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN & CHILDREN

- Address jurisdictional gaps to hold accountable perpetrators who commit sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, assault against law enforcement officers, and trafficking on tribal lands.

IMPROVE HOUSING PROTECTIONS & PROVIDE SAFE HOUSING OPTIONS

- Provide options for survivors in federally-assisted housing to relocate to new, safe housing; maintain housing after a perpetrator leaves; or terminate a lease early.
- Improve the homeless systems' responses to victims nationwide.

REDUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DATING VIOLENCE HOMICIDES

- Give law enforcement the tools they need to keep communities safe and reduce intimate partner homicides by closing dangerous legal loopholes in existing federal domestic violence-related firearms laws.

PROMOTE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR SURVIVORS

- Expand eligibility for unemployment insurance; create protections from employment discrimination based on victimization; and focus on public education related to economic abuse and economic security for victims.

INCREASE AVENUES FOR JUSTICE

- Allow communities to implement alternative justice responses that are focused on victim autonomy, agency, and safety in order to provide resolution and restitution for victims.
- Allow VAWA-funded legal services to provide more comprehensive services to survivors.

ENSURE ACCESS TO LIFESAVING VAWA SERVICES

- Ensure compliance with VAWA non-discrimination requirements and guarantee equal access to VAWA protections for all victims regardless of gender.

About NNEDV

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) represents the 56 state and territorial coalitions against domestic violence. NNEDV fights to make the elimination of domestic violence a national priority, change the way society responds to domestic violence, and strengthen advocacy at the national, statewide, and local levels.