



Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with Key Enhancement and No Rollbacks

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.**

The House passed H.R. 1620 in March of 2021. The Senate introduced a companion bill S. 3623, which includes **key improvements** and **no rollbacks of current protections and provisions**. The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) urges the Senate to swiftly pass S. 3623.

VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022 (S. 3623)

No Rollbacks of Current Protection

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

Increases Investment in Culturally Specific Services

- ★ Substantially increases culturally specific programs and services.

Expands Tribal Sovereignty over Non-Native Perpetrators of Violence against Native Women and Children

- ★ Expands tribal sovereignty over non-native perpetrators of sexual assault and other crimes—toward the goal of ending impunity for non-native offenders who commit violence against native survivors.

Improves Housing Protections and Provides Safe Housing Options

- ★ Reauthorizes and improves the VAWA transitional housing program.
- ★ Amends the definition of homelessness to better address the needs of survivors.
- ★ Enhances implementation, compliance, and enforcement of VAWA's housing protections.
- ★ Prohibits retaliation against persons exercising their rights or participating in processes related to VAWA housing protections.



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Increases Investment in Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention

- ★ Increases funding for the authorization of the Rape Prevention & Education Program (RPE).

Increases Avenues for Justice

- ★ Increases authorization of legal assistance for victims and creates a new restorative practices pilot project at the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Increases Access to Safety for LGBTQ Survivors

- ★ Authorizes a new grant to provide community-specific services for LGBTQ victims and survivors.

About NNEDV

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) represents the 56 state and territorial coalitions against domestic violence. NNEDV works 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. Please contact Monica McLaughlin at MMcLaughlin@nnedv.org or Melina Milazzo at MMilazzo@nnedv.org.