



February 3, 2026

Senator Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Murkowski and Blunt Rochester:

The undersigned organizations would like to thank you for introducing the bipartisan Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act (FVPSA) of 2026 to reauthorize core support and enhance comprehensive responses for domestic violence, family violence, and dating violence survivors. This legislation has not been reauthorized since 2010, and we would like to express our profound gratitude for your leadership and support for improving services for all survivors of domestic violence in addition to expanding prevention efforts.

Domestic violence and sexual assault is a public safety crisis that affects every community in America, straining law enforcement agencies, courts, healthcare providers, and social services. The FVPSA program is the only federal funding source solely dedicated to domestic violence shelters, programs, and technical assistance resource centers, and is the cornerstone of our nation's efforts to address domestic violence. It supports lifesaving services including emergency shelters, crisis hotlines, counseling, and programs for underserved communities throughout the United States and territories. This bill also expands grant programs and makes many needed improvements to ensure more survivors have access to support and safety.

FVPSA provides core funding to support more than 2,000 local, public, private, nonprofit and faith-based organizations and programs and over 240 tribes and tribal organizations in responding to the urgent needs of over 2.3 million domestic violence victims and their children.¹ FVPSA also supports a children's services program that allows communities to receive targeted training and funding to meet the specific and unique needs of children coping with the impacts of domestic violence. As you know, there is still a great need to increase survivors' access to these vital programs as well as to address current unmet needs.

¹ <https://acf.gov/ofvps>

Survivors are at risk in a time of heightened economic, health, familial, and emotional trauma. In fact, the National Network to End Domestic Violence's (NNEDV) [19th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#) found that during one day in 2024, 79,088 victims of domestic violence received services, however, on the same day, 14,176 requests for services went unmet due to lack of funding. Of those unmet requests, 60% were for safe housing and emergency shelter. In addition, the National Domestic Violence Hotline continues to experience high and growing demand. [In 2024](#), The Hotline received 742,430 contact, and average daily contact volume is between 2,000 – 2,500 contacts per day, nearly double the rate of just a few years ago. The Hotline expects that this high contact volume will continue.

The improvements made in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act (FVPSA) of 2026 will greatly help meet the needs of survivors in the current crisis and beyond. The important improvements in this bill reflects the priorities of the domestic violence field and the diverse needs of survivors, including:

- Increasing the funding authorization level to address very low per-program funding levels and provide access to FVPSA funds for more programs not currently funded.
- Updating provisions and definitions to ensure access to services for all survivors, better alignment with related statutes, and reflect evolving best practices amongst service providers to provide uniform guidance to the domestic violence field.
- Strengthening the capacity of Indian Tribes to exercise their sovereign authority to respond more fully to domestic violence in their communities, and authorizing funding for tribal coalitions and the currently funded Alaska Native Women's Resource Center.
- Bolstering support for all survivors through a grant program that increases the capacity of culturally specific community-based organizations to expand access to safety for survivors of color, as well as provisions that promote best practices.
- Providing a more robust investment in prevention by bringing evidence-informed prevention initiatives to more tribes, states, and local communities across the country.
- Continuing and expanding support for national technical assistance (TA) centers and their work to develop effective policy, practice, research, and cross-system collaborations.
- Updating provisions for the National Domestic Violence Hotline and hotline services for underrepresented populations, including American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Deaf survivors.
- Creating an underserved grant program to increase access to safety for populations that face additional barriers.

We must continue to ensure that when survivors take the courageous step to reach out for support, individuals, organizations and institutions are prepared to address the risks faced by survivors and their children and improve efforts to create pathways to enhanced safety and well-being.

We thank you again for your leadership on behalf of survivors, their families, and their communities around the country.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC)
Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence (ATCEV)
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV)
Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP)
Caminar Latino - Latinos United for Peace and Equity (LUPE)
Esperanza United

Futures Without Violence

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH)

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline)

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC)

National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)

StrongHearts Native Helpline

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV)

Ujima Inc., The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community

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