



National Task Force to End
Sexual & Domestic Violence

Senator Katie Britt, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Senator Chris Murphy, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Homeland Security
Senator Jerry Moran, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science
Senator, Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Commerce, Justice, Science
Representative Mark Amodei, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland
Security
Representative Henry Cuellar, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Homeland Security
Representative Hal Rogers, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce,
Justice, Science
Representative Grace Meng, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Commerce, Justice, Science

April 14, 2026

Dear Senators Britt, Murphy, Moran and Van Hollen and Representatives Amodei,
Cuellar, Rogers and Meng:

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF) represents national, tribal, state, and local organizations working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. The 247 undersigned organizations join with the NTF to urge you to increase funding for federal programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking for immigrant survivors. Domestic violence and sexual assault are pervasive crimes significantly impacting the safety and wellbeing of millions of people every day. We implore you to build upon our nation's progress in addressing these crimes by providing incredibly needed investments in the FY27 Homeland Security bill as well as the Commerce, Justice Science (CJS) bill to ensure immigrant survivors have greater access to the programs they need to achieve safety and independence.

The Needs of Immigrant Survivors

Immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes often face barriers when seeking safety and protection, including [threats from abusers and perpetrators](#) that reaching out for help will result in their deportation. In a survey by the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors, over [70% of advocates reported that survivors have concerns about contacting the police or going to court for matters related to their abuse with 50% ultimately choosing not to due to fear](#). To address these

barriers, a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to provide survivors with essential protections against deportation to allow them to seek help without fear of abuser retaliation. Later, Congress established the T and U visa programs through the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) to facilitate the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity and to protect victims who come forward, in recognition of the many barriers survivors face in reaching out for help.

These protections, along with our asylum laws, were created so that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking may seek paths to safety and security in the United States. To fulfill this goal, we request that funds be utilized to improve efficiencies in adjudicating these benefits and to ensure that funds are not used to undermine the bipartisan laws Congress created over the past two decades to protect survivors and ensure continued access to these protections without fear.

We ask Congress to:

- Direct the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice to maintain and publish data on 1) the number of people claiming to have a credible or reasonable fear of intimate partner violence in their home country; 2) of these people, the number that are ultimately granted asylum or withholding of removal on that basis; 3) the number of people who file asylum applications with USCIS and/or DOJ, outside of the expedited removal process, whose claims are based on a fear intimate partner violence in their home country; and 4) of these people, the number who are granted asylum or withholding of removal on that basis. Access to such data is critical for informing U.S. asylum policy.
- Ensure that no funds are used to apprehend, detain, and remove benefit requesters or beneficiaries of survivor-based relief including VAWA self-petitioner classification, T nonimmigrant status, U nonimmigrant status, or Special Immigrant Juvenile classification, which undermines the protective purpose of these programs.
- Recapture unallocated U visas to assist in alleviating the significant backlog of nearly 239,000 primary petitioners and an additional 158,000 family members awaiting U visas by cutting the backlog by almost half, helping eligible victims of crime to obtain stabilizing benefits and facilitating family reunification.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irena Sullivan, Tahirih Justice Center, at Irenas@tahirih.org or Cecelia Levin, Alliance for Immigrant Survivors, at cecelial@tahirih.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership in keeping victims safe and healthy. We know our successes could not be achieved without your support, and we are grateful for all that you do.

Sincerely,

(list in formation)

National, International and Tribal Organizations

Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Coalition on Human Needs
Congregation of Our Lady of the Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
Esperanza United
Family Values at Work
Futures Without Violence
Joyful Heart Foundation
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund
Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health
National Congress of American Indians
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
Orange Child
Peaceful Families Project
Tahirih Justice Center
United Church of Christ
ValorUS
Young Women's Christian Association USA (YWCA)

Alabama

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Domestic Violence Intervention Center
Family Sunshine Center
SABRA Sanctuary
Victim Services of Cullman dba The Willow Path

Alaska

Alaska Network on Domestic & Sexual Violence
Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center
The LeeShore Center
Tundra Women's Coalition
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV)
Working Against Violence for Everyone

Arizona

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

Arkansas

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Ozark Rape Crisis, Inc.

California

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

Colorado

Advocate Safehouse Project
Better Tomorrow
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Domestic Safety Resource Center
Juniper Southern Colorado
Mariposa Center for Safety
Ouray Country Support & Advocacy Project
PeaceWorks, Inc.
Project Hope of Gunnison Valley
Project Safeguard
Response: Help for Survivors of Domestic Violence
Rise Above Violence
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center
SARA House
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA)
Violence Free Colorado
Wings

Connecticut

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Delaware

Delaware Alliance Against Sexual Violence
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Florida

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties
Women's Center of Brevard
Refuge House

Georgia

Georgia Coalition on Domestic Violence

Idaho

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
Lemhi County Crisis Intervention, Inc. dba The Mahoney House

Illinois

Clove Alliance
Community Crisis Center
Family Resources
Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center
Guardian Angel Community Services
Illinois Accountability Initiative
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Metro East Every Survivor Counts
Mujeres Latinas en Accion
Mutual Ground, Inc.
Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault
Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault
Prevail Illinois
Quincy Area Network Against Domestic Abuse dba QUANADA
Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services (RACES)
Resilience
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
Safe Journeys
Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies
Survivor Resource Center
Western Illinois Regional Council Community Action Agency, Victim Services
YWCA McLean County Stepping Stones
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
YWCA of the Sauk Valley
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Indiana

Coburn Place Safe Haven
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault

Iowa

ACCESS
Amani Community Services
EMBARC
Family Crisis Center
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Thrive Together Today
Waypoint Services

Kansas

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

Kentucky

ZeroV

Louisiana

Chez Hope, Inc.

Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (D.A.R.T.)

Family Violence Program of St. Bernard

June N. Jenkins Women's Shelter

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

Metro Centers for Community Advocacy

Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment

Maine

Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

Maryland

CASA, Inc.

Dove Center

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy

Massachusetts

Jane Doe, Inc.

Michigan

Domestic Violence Escape, Inc. (DOVE)

Minnesota

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault Services

Violence Free Minnesota

Mississippi

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence

Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Missouri

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Montana

Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Nebraska

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

Nevada

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

New Jersey

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence

New Mexico

New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

New York

Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)

New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

North Carolina

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

North Dakota

North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition

Northern Mariana Islands

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Ohio

Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments, Inc. (A.L.I.V.E.)

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter

Appleseed CMHC Safe Haven

Artemis Center

Auglaize County Crisis Center

Christina House/Catholic Charities Regional Agency

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Crime Victim Services

Crisis Care Line

Crossroads Crisis Center

DeafPhoenix

Domestic Violence Project, Inc.

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS)

EVE, Inc.

Family Abuse Center of Miami County

Family & Child Abuse Prevention Center
Haven House of Pickaway County, Inc.
Homesafe, Inc.
Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center
Journey Center for Safety & Healing
New Choices, Inc.
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
Sandusky Valley Domestic Violence Shelter dba First Step
Shelter from Violence, Inc.
Southern Ohio Task Force on Domestic Violence
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program
The Center for Child & Family Advocacy, Inc.
The Center for Family Safety & Healing
The Cocoon
The Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
The Lighthouse, Inc.
Transitions, Inc.
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.
WomenSafe
Women Helping Women
YWCA Dayton
YWCA Greater Cincinnati

Oregon

Hope & Safety Alliance (Womenspace)
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force
The Harbor, Inc.
Tides of Change

Pennsylvania

Dinah
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect
Respect Together

Rhode Island

Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County
Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Women's Resource Center

South Carolina

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Tennessee

Domestic Violence Program, Inc.
Scott County Shelter Society
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

Texas

Texas Council on Family Violence

Utah

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

Vermont

Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Virginia

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Washington State

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services
API Chaya
Beyond Survival
Comprehensive Healthcare dba Aspen Victim Services
Crisis Support Network
Empowering Therapy, PLLC.
Family Support Center of South Sound
Gender Justice League
Hope Alliance
Kids Hope Children's Advocacy Center
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
MiA - Mujeres in Action
Mother Nation
New Beginnings
New Hope
Our Sisters' House
Programs for Peaceful Living at Washington Gorge Action Programs
Rebuilding Hope Sexual Assault Center
SafePlace
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
Sexual Assault & Family Trauma Center at Lutheran Community Services Northwest
The Lighthouse: Advocacy, Prevention & Education Center
The Nurtured Nest: Trauma Sensitive Sensitive Doula Care, LLC.
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Young Women's Christian Association Clark County (YWCA)

Wisconsin

ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center
BeLEAF Survivors
Benedict Center
Community Referral Agency
Embrace Services, Inc.
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Family Support Center
Hope House of South Central Wisconsin
Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center dba InCourage
Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
New Beginnings APFV
New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers, Inc.
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
Stepping Stones, Inc.
The Bridge to Hope
The Women's Community
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Wyoming

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault