

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee  
On Transportation, Housing and Urban Development,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

July 16, 2025

Dear Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro and Representatives Womack and Clyburn:

The 233 undersigned national, state, local organizations urge Congress to **prioritize essential, life-saving funding for the housing needs of survivors in the FY 26** Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) bill and reject any proposals to cut this critical funding.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are consistently identified as significant factors in homelessness, especially for women, children, families, and particularly for LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color. Abusers commonly sabotage a victim's economic stability, making them more vulnerable to homelessness. A 2024 report on the relationship between intimate partner violence (IPV) and homelessness in California found that 95% of survivors reported the high cost of housing as a barrier to exiting homelessness, and 61% indicated that poor credit or eviction history, often a consequence of IPV, was a barrier to regaining housing.<sup>1</sup>

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault often flee life-threatening circumstances and seek refuge through emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid-rehousing programs to avoid homelessness. However, despite the critical need, many survivors are unable to find housing. According to NNEDV's 19th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report, in just one day in 2024, 48,541 adults and children

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<sup>1</sup> Hargrave, A., Moore, T., Adhiningrat, S., Perry, E., Kushel, M. (2024). Toward Safety: Understanding Intimate Partner Violence and Homelessness in the California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness.

were housed in domestic violence housing and shelter programs. On the same day, however, 8,111 requests for emergency shelter, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing were denied due to a lack of resources.<sup>2</sup> It is unconscionable that victims cannot find safety for themselves and their children due to a lack of adequate investment in housing services.

**We urge Congress to allocate \$75 million for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Bonus (DV/SA) Funds in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance program** at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help survivors access safe, affordable housing and rebuild their lives. Since FY18, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Committee has included a \$50-\$52 million set-aside for housing for survivors in DV/SA Bonus Funds in the HUD CoC homelessness assistance program. These dedicated funds for survivor-specific housing resources, including rapid rehousing, are a vital funding source for victim service providers to address the unique safety needs of survivors. Funds from the DV/SA Bonus project significantly improve a survivor's access to safe housing and build the capacity of the victim services field to provide survivor-centered housing. The Administration's proposed FY26 budget would eliminate dedicated funding for the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homelessness Assistance Program by consolidating it with the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program into a single block grant—and by reducing overall funding levels for the new block grant. **This change could jeopardize, or even eliminate, the DV/SA Bonus Funds. We urge you to reject this proposal—or any proposal—that would cut or undermine this critical funding.**

Additionally, we support inclusion of funds in FY26 for training and technical assistance on the implementation of housing protections for survivors created in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 Reauthorization. We urge Congress to provide \$15 million in FY26 for domestic violence and sexual assault training and technical assistance and to implement VAWA.

**We call on you to support funding for these vital programs.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melina Milazzo, Director of Public at [Mmilazzo@nnev.org](mailto:Mmilazzo@nnev.org).

Sincerely,

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**National, International and Tribal Organizations**

Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence

Autistic People of Color Fund

A Window Between Worlds

Coalition on Human Needs

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<sup>2</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2024). 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report. Washington, DC. Retrieved from: [NNEVDV.org/DVCounts](https://www.nnev.org/DVCounts)

Esperanza United  
Freedom Network USA  
Futures Without Violence  
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc.  
Jewish Women International  
Joyful Heart Foundation  
Just Solutions  
Legal Momentum, The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
National Indigenous Women's Resource Center  
National LGBTQ Institute on IPV  
National Network To End Domestic Violence  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
People Power United  
Pretrial Justice Institute  
Respect Together  
YWCA USA

### **Alaska**

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
AWARE  
Cordova Family Resource Center  
Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies  
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living  
STAR, INC  
The LeeShore Center  
Tundra Women's Coalition  
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV)

### **Arizona**

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence

### **California**

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)  
Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence  
Brilliant Corners  
Building Futures  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
Catalyst  
Center for Community Solutions  
Center for Domestic Peace

Center for the Pacific Asian Family  
Child & Family Center  
Coalition for Family Harmony  
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (Cast)  
Community Beyond Violence  
Community Resource Center  
Community Solutions  
DeafHope  
Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County  
Downtown Women's Center  
East Los Angeles Women's Center  
Empower Yolo, Inc.  
Family Assistance Program  
Family Services of Tulare County  
Family Violence Appellate Project  
Fish On Ministries  
Genesis Shelters  
Good Shepherd Shelter  
Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp.  
Haven Hills, Inc.  
HOPICS - Homeless Outreach Program, Integrated Care System  
House of Ruth  
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services  
Jenesse Center, Inc.  
Jewish Family Service Los Angeles  
LACBA Counsel for Justice  
Larae Cantley  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Lumina Alliance  
Monarch Services  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Star Family Center  
NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services  
Peace Over Violence  
Praxis Health Empowerment  
Project Sanctuary, Inc.  
Ramelle Carter Media LLC  
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments, Inc.  
South Asian Network  
St Joseph Center  
Stopping Domestic Violence  
StrengthUnited  
Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence  
Survivalist House  
Survivor Justice Center

THE COMMUNITY ACTION LEAGUE  
The Freedom Train Project Incorporated  
The People Concern  
The Salvation Army Alegria  
Union Station Homeless Services  
Valley Crisis Center  
Victims Empowerment Support Team VEST  
Voices Beyond Assault  
WCCS Whittier  
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center  
Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.  
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley  
YWCA of Glendale and Pasadena  
YWCA of San Diego County  
YWCA San Gabriel Valley

**Colorado**

Violence Free Colorado

**Connecticut**

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Delaware**

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**District of Columbia**

DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Georgia**

Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Illinois**

Illinois Accountability Initiative  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Lake County Crisis Center  
The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence

**Indiana**

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.

**Iowa**

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Kansas**

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Kentucky**

Safe Harbor of Northeast Ky Inc.  
ZeroV

**Maine**

Caring Unlimited  
Hope and Justice Project  
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
New Hope for Women, Inc. dba New Hope Midcoast  
Next Step domestic violence project  
Through These Doors

**Maryland**

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

**Massachusetts**

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.

**Michigan**

Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Minnesota**

MICAH - Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable House  
Violence Free Minnesota

**Missouri**

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Nebraska**

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Nevada**

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

**New Jersey**

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence

**New Mexico**

New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**New York State**

Advocacy Center of Tompkins County  
BrighterTomorrows, Inc.  
Domestic Violence Project | Urban Justice Center  
Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.  
Hope's Door

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.  
Violence Intervention Program  
Wellspring  
YWCA Binghamton and Broome County, NY

### **North Carolina**

Compass Center  
Families First, Inc.  
Families Living Violence-Free  
Family Crisis Council of Rowan, Inc.  
Friend to Friend  
Hyde County Hotline, Inc.  
My Sister's House, Inc.  
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Opposing Abuse with Service, Information and Shelter, Inc.  
Outer Banks Hotline  
Reach of Cherokee County  
Ruth's House, Inc.  
Safe Alliance  
SAFE in Lenoir County, Inc  
Safelight, Inc.  
Second Bloom of Chatham  
Southeastern Family Violence Center  
Women Veterans Support Services, Inc.

### **Ohio**

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter  
Appleseed CMHC/Safe Haven  
Artemis Center  
Auglaize County Crisis Center  
Bethany House  
Casa de Paz  
Christina House Domestic Violence Shelter  
Crisis Care Line  
Crime Victim Services  
Crossroads Crisis Center, Inc.  
Domestic Violence Project, Inc.  
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS)  
Eve, Inc.  
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County  
First Step  
Foundations for Families, Inc.  
Homesafe, Inc.  
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland  
Journey Center for Safety and Healing  
Lorain County Safe Harbor

New Choices, Inc.  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services  
OneEighty  
Safer Futures and Someplace Safe programs of Akses Family Services  
Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.  
Sarah's Friends  
Southern Ohio Task Force on Domestic Violence  
Square One GJM  
Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program  
The Center for Child and Family Advocacy/House of Ruth  
The Cocoon  
The Domestic Violence Shelter  
The Lighthouse, Inc.  
Transitions, Inc.  
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.  
Violence Free Futures  
Women Helping Women  
WomenSafe  
YWCA Hamilton  
YWCA of Northwest Ohio

### **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Women Against Abuse  
YWCA Lancaster

### **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
YWCA Rhode Island

### **South Carolina**

Sistercare, Inc.  
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

### **South Dakota**

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault  
White Buffalo Calf Women's Society

### **Texas**

Texas Council on Family Violence

### **Utah**

Bateman Public Health  
Canyon Creek Services  
Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake

New Hope Crisis Center  
New Horizons Crisis Center  
Northeastern Utah Friends Against Family Violence  
Peace House, Inc.  
Raven, Lotus & Grey  
Safe Harbor Crisis Center  
Seekhaven Family Crisis and Resource Center  
The Refuge Utah  
Utah Domestic Violence Coalition  
YCC Family Crisis Center

**Vermont**

Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Virginia**

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

**Washington State**

CNTR

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**West Virginia**

Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center

SAFE, Inc.

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Wisconsin**

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin