



PLEASE KEEP CALLING!

MAY 15, 2012

Your help is MOST needed if you live in **AL, CA, CO, FL, IL, KS, MD, MI, MO, MN, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, SD, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY!**

ACT NOW: Urge Your Representative to VOTE NO on H.R. 4970, the Adams VAWA Bill!

On Wednesday, May 16th, the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on final passage of H.R. 4970, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), introduced by Rep. Sandy Adams (R-FL, 24th).

H.R. 4970 is an anti-victim bill strongly opposed by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) and the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. H.R. 4970 weakens vital improvements contained in the recently passed Senate VAWA bill (S. 1925), including provisions designed to increase the safety of Native women and the needs of the LGBT community. In addition, H.R. 4970 includes damaging provisions that roll back years of progress to protect the safety of immigrant victims. While there are portions of H.R. 4970 that mirror the bipartisan Senate bill and are supported by the field, we remain opposed to this bill.

We must tell our legislators that we oppose H.R. 4970 and want to see a bipartisan bill that helps ALL victims. Time is of the essence, we must take action BY May 16th!

ACTION: Call/Write/Tweet your Representative and tell them: "We strongly oppose H.R. 4970 and urge you to VOTE NO. We support a bill that is closer to H.R. 4271 with improvements, including those provisions in the bipartisan Senate bill, S. 1925 that protects Tribal victims, immigrant victims, LGBTQ victims and other marginalized communities."

House Target List

STATE	Representative	Phone	Fax
ALABAMA	Martha Roby, 2nd District	202-225-2901	202-225-8913
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	Kevin McCarthy, 22nd District	202-225-2915	202-225-2908
	Gary Miller, 42nd District	202-225-3201	202-226-6962
	Mark Bono Mack, 45th District	202-225-5330	202-225-2961
	John Campbell, 48th District	202-225-5611	202-225-9177
	Darrell Issa, 49th District	202-225-3906	202-225-3303
	Brian Billbray, 50th District	202-225-0508	202-225-2558

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	Mike Coffman, 6th District	202-225-7882	202-226-4623
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	Daniel Webster, 8th District	202-225-2176	202-225-0999
	Vern Buchanan, 13th District	202-225-5015	202-226-5015
	Ilena Ros-Lehtinen, 18th District	202-225-3931	202-225-5620
	Mario Diaz-Balart, 21st District	202-225-4211	202-225-8576
	Allen West, 22nd District	202-225-3026	202-225-8398
	Sandy Adams, 24th District (Bill Author)	202-225-2706	202-226-6299
	David Rivera, 25th District	202-225-2778	202-226-0346
GEORGIA	Tom Price, 6th District	202-225-4501	202-225-4656
ILLINOIS	Robert Dold, 10th District	202-225-4835	202-225-0837
	Judy Biggert, 13th District	202-225-3515	202-225-9420
	Timothy Johnson, 15th District	202-225-2371	202-226-0791
	Bobby Schilling, 17th District	202-225-5905	202-225-5396
	Aaron Schock, 18th District	202-225-6201	202-225-9249
KANSAS	Lynn Jenkins, 2nd District	202-225-6601	202-225-7986
MARYLAND	Roscoe Bartlett, 6th District	202-225-2721	202-225-2193
MICHIGAN	Dan Benishek, 1st District	202-225-4735	202-225-4710
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MINNESOTA	Michele Bachmann, 6th District	202-225-2331	202-225-6475
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NEW HAMPSHIRE	Charles Bass, 2nd District	202-225-5206	202-225-2946
NEW JERSEY	Frank Lobiondo, 2nd District	202-225-6572	202-225-3318
	John Runyan, 3rd District	202-225-4765	202-225-0778
NEW YORK	Robert Turner, 9th District	202-225-6616	202-226-0218
	Michael Grimm, 13th District	202-225-3371	202-226-1272
	Nan Hayworth, 19th District	202-225-5441	202-225-3289
	Chris Gibson, 20th District	202-225-5614	202-225-1168
	Ann Marie Burkle, 25th District	202-225-3701	202-225-4042
NORTH CAROLINA	Renee Ellmers, 2nd District	202-225-4531	202-225-5662
	Virginia Foxx, 5th District	202-225-2071	202-225-2995
	Sue Myrick, 9th District	202-225-1976	202-225-3389
OHIO	Jean Schmidt, 2nd District	202-225-3164	202-225-1992
	John Boehner, 8th District (Speaker)	202-225-0600	202-225-0704
	Steven LaTourette, 14th District	202-225-5731	202-225-3307
	Steve Stivers, 15th District	202-225-2015	202-225-3529
	James Renacci, 16th District	202-225-3876	202-225-3059
PENNSYLVANIA	Jim Gerlack, 6th District	202-225-4315	202-225-8440
	Patrick Meehan, 7th District	202-225-2011	202-226-0820
	Michael Fitzpatrick, 8 th District	202-225-4276	202-225-9511
	Charlie Dent, 15th District	202-225-6411	202-226-0778
	Tim Murphy, 18th District	202-225-2301	202-225-1844
	Todd Platts, 19th District	202-225-5836	202-226-1000
SOUTH DAKOTA	Kristi Noem	202-225-2801	202-225-5823
TENNESSEE	Diane Black, 6th District	202-225-4231	202-225-6887
	Marsha Blackburn, 7th District	202-225-2811	202-225-3004
TEXAS	Ted Poe, 2nd District	202-225-6565	202-225-5547
	Jeb Hensarling, 5th District	202-225-3484	202-226-1035
	Kay Granger, 12th District	202-225-5071	202-225-5683

	Lamar Smith, 21st District (Judiciary Chairman)	202-225-4236	202-225-8628
	Francisco Canseco, 23rd District	202-225-4511	202-225-2237
VIRGINIA	Eric Cantor, 7th District	202-225-2815	202-225-0011
WASHINGTON	Jaime Herrera Beutler, 3rd District	202-225-3536	202-225-3478
	Cathy McMorris Rodgers, 5th District	202-225-2006	202-225-3392
	Dave Reichert, 8th District	202-225-27761	202-225-4282
WEST VIRGINIA	Shelley Moore Capito, 2nd District	202-225-2711	202-225-7856
WISCONSIN	Reid Ribble, 8th District	202-225-5665	202-225-5729
WYOMING	Cynthia Lummis (At-Large)	202-225-2311	202-225-3057

Sample Letter

[ORGANIZATIONAL LETTERHEAD]

[May X, 2012]

Dear Representative [Last Name]:

The [organization name], a located in [city] and serves more than [X] victims, joins the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in expressing strong opposition to H.R. 4970, the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), introduced by Rep. Sandy Adams (R-FL).

Despite its favorable passage by the Judiciary Committee last week, H.R. 4970 continues to be an anti-victim bill. H.R. 4970 weakens vital improvements contained in the recently passed Senate VAWA bill (S. 1925), including provisions designed to increase the safety of Native women and the needs of the LGBT community. In addition, H.R. 4970 includes damaging provisions that roll back years of progress to protect the safety of immigrant victims. Consequently, H.R. 4970 will create obstacles for immigrant victims seeking to report crimes, increase danger for immigrant victims by eliminating important confidentiality protections, and will undermine effective anti-fraud protections. While there are portions of H.R. 4970 that mirror the bipartisan Senate bill and are supported by the field, we remain opposed to the bill.

As advocates, we know "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Our common enemy should not be each other but perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence. The House has the opportunity to pass a victim-centered VAWA reauthorization bill endorsed by women's advocacy groups that allocates sufficient resources to hold perpetrators accountable and expands services and protections to all victims--regardless of race, nationality, religion, immigrant status or sexual orientation. If partisanship continues to fuel the "war on women" by further assaulting victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, then abusers win. Consequences for that outcome far exceed a divided House of Representatives.

We strongly oppose H.R. 4970 and urge you to vote no and urge all members of the House to oppose final passage when it's considered on Wednesday, May 16th. We support a bill that is closer to H.R. 4271 with improvements, including those provisions in the bipartisan Senate bill that protects Tribal victims, immigrant victims, LGBTQ victims and other marginalized communities. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me or Tralonne Shorter, Public Policy Advisor for NCADV at (202) 744-8455 if you have any questions or want additional information.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Title]

cc: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)

Advocacy and Social Media

If you need more information please visit the National Task Force website for fact sheets, press coverage, support letters and updates at: www.4vawa.org. The site has been visited more than 25,000 times! For toolkit and other action information please visit and "like" the National Task Force Facebook page: http://on.fb.me/NTF_Facebook_page

Don't forget to tweet about VAWA using the hashtags #ReauthorizeVAWA and #VAWA.

If you aren't on one of the VAWA email lists or want to add members of your staff or state/community leaders to our grassroots alerts e-mailing list, send names and contact information including email to Sean Black, sblack@icasa.org.

If you have additional questions, please contact publicpolicy@ncadv.org.

Thank you for everything you do!

Your generous support helps us continue our programming aimed at ending violence in the home.

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Thank you!

