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BROWN URGES CONGRESS TO COME TOGETHER AND REAUTHORIZE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

“This Is About Empowering Women & Their Families”

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) urged his colleagues to come together and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (S.1925):

“For me, this is personal. Growing up, I experienced the trauma of domestic violence first-hand, and I remember how alone and powerless my mother felt when she suffered from abuse at the hands of my stepfathers. That sense of helplessness is something I will never forget, and it is why I feel so strongly about this issue. The Violence Against Women Act has received bipartisan support in the past, and is an issue that Democrats and Republicans should be able to come together on once again. This is about empowering women and their families, and ensuring that they are safe and have the support and services they need.”

Background:

Brown will be speaking on the Senate floor about the importance of VAWA, and will also be touring a shelter and meeting with victims’ rights advocates in Massachusetts later in the week.

Brown cosponsored VAWA on February 1, 2012.

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