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DOGGETT ANNOUNCES \$800,000 FOR NATIONAL CENTER ON DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

(WASHINGTON) -- U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-Travis County) announced today that the Austin-based National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence will receive \$800,000 in federal funds to prevent violence against women.

Doggett said, "Until the real goal of eliminating violence from our homes is achieved, this critical funding will assist the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Assault in providing the training and education necessary to ensure our police are adequately prepared to respond."

The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, a national non-profit organization based in Austin, Texas, helps local, state and federal agencies develop policies to assist those who have been or are at risk of being victims of domestic and sexual violence. The grant will help the National Center continue to provide training for law enforcement officers and advocates to effectively respond to domestic violence.

"We are very honored to receive the vote of confidence from the Office on Violence Against Women to continue the important work of training law enforcement officers across the country to improve their response to domestic violence and sexual assault cases, and to emphasize victim safety and offender accountability," says Deborah D. Tucker, Executive Director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence. "With this funding, we're able to expand our partnerships with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement."

For more information about these trainings, visit the National Center's web site at www.ncdsv.org. The money is provided through the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

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