Almost 2 years since VAWA expired
Over 6 months Since Congress’ Last Action on VAWA
3 weeks or less until this Congress ends and VAWA 2012 dies

December 6, 2012

Please forward widely

All Advocates stand together with Native victims

In just the past several days there has been real progress in talks with Senate and House stakeholders about passing a final VAWA by the end of the month. However, House Republican leadership is strongly resistant to including Tribal provisions that would protect countless Native victims from the brutal violence they face every day. Advocates are unwilling to accept a bill that leaves Native victims without access to justice. House Republican leadership knows that taking away provisions that protect Native victims could be the demise of the entire VAWA bill. That is outrageous! We must act now.

Earlier this week, Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) introduced H.R. 6625, the Violence Against Indian Women Act of 2012, which would give tribes jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators in domestic and dating violence cases. There is growing Congressional support for H.R. 6625. Additionally, H.R. 6625 has been endorsed by the Justice Department, former Republican U.S. Attorneys, the American Bar Association, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. NCADV supports H.R. 6625 and urges all members of the House of Representatives to join Congressman Issa in championing this critical bill that protects Native victims. Without support for H.R. 6625 from Speaker Boehner and Leader Cantor, the fate of Native victims and VAWA hangs on a cliff as the January 3, 2013 deadline rapidly approaches.

ACT NOW: Please call & tweet Speaker Boehner and Leader Cantor and tell them:

"I urge you as my Congressional leader to support H.R. 6625, the Violence Against Indian Women Act of 2012. Without your support the fate of Native victims & VAWA hangs on a cliff."
Speaker Boehner: 202.225.6205
Leader Cantor: 202.225.2815

@EricCantor Pls accept Issa’s HR 6625 compromise on tribal jurisdiction as a path forward to get #VAWA done for all victims! #PassVAWA2012

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For additional fact sheets on Tribal issues and a statement from a Native survivor of violence, visit www.4VAWA.org.

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