November 14 is the *National Day of Action* to Contact Your Elected Officials and Tell Them to Pass VAWA Now!

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(Dates above are calibrated for November 14)

Now that the election is over, we must make every effort to get our Representatives and Senators in Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)! This is our final opportunity to push for VAWA before this Congress is done. There is so much at stake and too much to lose – join us in telling Congress: Pass VAWA now!

**National Day of Action**
Mark your calendars for a National Day of Action to pass VAWA – Wednesday, November 14. Advocates all across the nation will be contacting their elected officials to tell them “Pass VAWA now!”

Please take a few minutes on that day to call your Senators and Representatives.

- Use this number **888.269.5702** to connect to the Capitol switchboard. Then ask to be connect to your U.S. Representative ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)) or Senator ([www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)).

- Tell them: “I am your constituent. Now that the elections are over, I urge you to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)! It has been 679 days since VAWA expired, 183 days since Congress’s last action on VAWA. Please, show women and victims that you care – pass VAWA now!”
Email: Don’t have time to call? You can also use the short message above to your Members of Congress.

Twitter: Do you tweet? Here are a few sample tweets that you can use!

@[INSERT YOUR REP’S TWITTER HANDLE] #PassVAWA2012 because victims need safe and affordable housing #dv #VAWA

@[INSERT YOUR REP’S TWITTER HANDLE] #PassVAWA2012 because victims are still being killed by their partners. #dv #VAWA

@[INSERT YOUR REP’S TWITTER HANDLE] #PassVAWA2012 because our shelter serves victims in your community who depend on it!

@[INSERT YOUR REP’S TWITTER HANDLE] #PassVAWA2012 because 6 out of 10 Native American women will be physically assaulted in their lifetime.

Social Media
Be a part of a ground-breaking campaign to leverage the full power of social media in fighting for the Reauthorization of VAWA! Join advocates across the nation in the #PassVAWA2012 Facebook Photo Campaign to tell Congress that it’s time to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act! It’s easy – just snap photos of you, your friends, and your colleagues – holding up signs saying why we need to Pass VAWA NOW! Submit your photos via email to advocacy@nnedv.org and lcoref@gmail.com or tweetpic to #PassVAWA2012.

The Background
You have worked so hard over the past two years to urge Congress to reauthorize VAWA. Election cycle politics derailed VAWA’s passage and now we have a final opportunity to get this done! Congress needs to hear from you that this is still a priority and that they need to act in “lame duck” session. With the combination of additional pressure from you throughout November and the work of NNEDV and others at the national level, we believe that it is very likely that Congress will act on VAWA upon their return.

Thanks you for all that you do!
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