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**Urge Your Members of Congress to Stand Up for Victims!**

**Support Domestic Violence Shelters**

Urge Congress to Pass Vital Legislation

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**Urge the House to Pass the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Now!**

Friday, the Senate passed S. 3817, a bill to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) as part of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Now, the U.S. House of Representatives must pass S. 3817 so that it can be signed by the President!

FVPSA is the only federal funding source dedicated to domestic violence services and shelters and CAPTA is an essential component in the federal government’s response to child abuse and neglect. However, FVPSA and CAPTA expired in 2008. It is essential that Congress reauthorizes these programs NOW to ensure that victims can continue to access lifesaving services when they face abuse.

**Take Action Now!**

Call your U.S. Representative today and urge him/her to reauthorize FVPSA and CAPTA now!
Click on Take Action at the top of this page and then enter your zip code in the Call Now box to find the name and number of your Representative.

You may also share a story about how domestic violence shelters and programs have positively impacted your community.

**What Happens Next?**

Once the House passes S. 3817, it will be sent to the President to be signed into law.

**Background on FVPSA**

Since it was first authorized in 1984, FVPSA has been intervening in and preventing domestic violence and abuse for millions of individuals. FVPSA-funded programs are at the heart of our nation’s response to domestic violence – providing lifesaving services such as emergency shelter, hotline support, counseling, safety planning, advocacy, and primary and secondary prevention. These services save victims' lives in immediate crisis and provide the comprehensive support victims need to rebuild their lives.

Thank you for being a voice for survivors of domestic violence.