May 10, 2012

A YES VOTE ON H.R. 4970 IS A VOTE AGAINST VAWA AND AGAINST ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

It's Time to Go In-District And Tell Your Representative: The Adams Bill (H.R. 4970) Is Dangerous for Victims of Violence and Protects Abusers. It is Not the Real VAWA!

On Tuesday, the House Judiciary Committee marked up and passed the Adams (R-FL) version of VAWA, H.R. 4970. This bill is DANGEROUS to victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The only way that we will be able to defeat it is if we make clear to every Representative in every district that they CANNOT support this bill. We have to tell them: you MUST stand up for EVERY victim of violence by OPPOSING H.R. 4970 - and if you don't, we can't stand up for you.

TAKE ACTION!!

ACTION 1: PLEASE CONTACT ~ BY PHONE, EMAIL OR IN PERSON VISIT ~ THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF YOUR CONGRESS PERSON AND TELL THEM TO OPPOSE H.R. 4970

ACTION 2: CALL HOUSE LEADERSHIP AND TELL THEM THAT YOU THINK H.R. 4970 HARMS VICTIMS AND IS NOT THE REAL VAWA

ACTION 3: NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATEWIDE COALITIONS SHOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THEIR STATE'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVES DENOUNCING H.R. 4970

ACTION 4: SEND A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TO YOUR NEWSPAPERS!

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We strongly oppose the Adams bill. The House Judiciary Committee’s passage of H.R. 4970 on Tuesday is NOT a victory - it HARMS victims of violence. We believe that a YES vote on H.R. 4970 is anti-victim and a NO vote on VAWA. We oppose the Adams bill because it is NOT the
REAL VAWA, it doesn’t include protections for all victims and it rolls back protections for victims of violence. It is DANGEROUS for survivors of violence. We support a bill like the bipartisan Senate bill that protects Native victims, immigrant victims, LGBT victims and other marginalized communities. We do not think the House Judiciary Committee passed a REAL VAWA and we need the House leadership to support ALL victims. The House Judiciary Committee allowed no chance to discuss humane alternatives that treat victims with respect and decency. There is bipartisan support in the House for a reauthorization of VAWA that more closely resembles the Senate-passed bill (S. 1925) and Members should have a chance to weigh the merits of any and all alternatives to the Adams bill before they vote for final passage of VAWA.

Find your Representative here: [http://house.gov/](http://house.gov/) This conversation needs to happen in EVERY DISTRICT OFFICE. Use the National Task Force's toolkit to help with your advocacy! Use our talking points about H.R. 4970 and how it's DANGEROUS for victims that are at the end of this e-blast.

EVERY Representative needs to hear from us, but here are the ones that need to hear from us FIRST!

- **Biggert, Judy** (R-IL) (202) 225-3515
- **Hayworth, Nan** (R-NY) (202) 225-5441
- **Herrera Beutler, Jaime** (R-WA) (202) 225-3536
- **Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana** (R-FL) (202) 225-3931

**ACTION 2: CALL HOUSE LEADERSHIP AND TELL THEM THAT YOU THINK H.R. 4970 HARMS VICTIMS AND IS NOT THE REAL VAWA:**

- **Speaker John Boehner (R-OH),** (202) 225-0600 (Leadership Office), (202) 225-6205 (Personal Office), (513) 779-5400 (Westchester District Office), (937) 339-1524 (Troy District Office)
- **Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA),** (202) 225-4000
- **Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-CA),** (202) 225-2915

and say:

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survivors of violence will support your NO vote on H.R. 4970. Instead, please demand an open debate on the floor.

ACTION 3: NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATEWIDE COALITIONS SHOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THEIR STATE’S U.S. REPRESENTATIVES DENOUNCING H.R. 4970

National organizations and statewide coalitions should send this letter to your state’s U.S. Representative. Members who support our position and oppose the Adams bill will appreciate this support and can mention your letter to explain their vote against the bill and show your support from their home state.

[FOR YOUR STATE]
The Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives