Please forward widely!

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Congress MUST pass a Violence Against Women Act!
Doing nothing is not an option! A Call to Action!

Everyone has done a great job with your meetings, letters to the editors, calls and emails. We are working on a final push to get Congress to pass VAWA. During the next three weeks your efforts are essential and will determine the passage of the Real VAWA.

In these final days Congress must see a groundswell that cannot be ignored. We are issuing a call for a National Day of Action on Tuesday, June 26th to reauthorize the real VAWA. On that day we will be organizing a national action on Capitol Hill and local actions across this country. Every justice loving person is needed now to raise their voice and tell Congress not to go backward but move forward to reauthorize the Real VAWA.

We need to get a VAWA passed that protects ALL victims! Your calls, emails, letters and tweets are working and now is the time to take it a step further. We want to show Congress how important this is to victims, survivors and advocates across the country. So please save the date for a NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION ~ JUNE 26, 2012. We will be sending more information to you shortly but want to make sure you get this date on your calendar and tell your members, constituents, friends, families and everyone you know who cares about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking!

Lastly, we know there has been a lot of news about a technical "blue slip" problem with the Senate bill. We fully expect to get this issue resolved so that both the House and the Senate bills will be considered during discussions to craft a final version of VAWA and get it to the President. We know that ALL victims need protection and we want to tell the world why on the National Day of Action!

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Thank you ~ as always for your great work! We've had over 40,000 visits to our website! Check our website for fact sheets, press coverage, support letters and updates: www.4vawa.org.
Follow us on twitter at @NTFVAWA and "like" our Facebook page where you can find a toolkit and other action and information items: http://on.fb.me/NTF_Facebook_page.

Don’t forget to tweet about VAWA using the hashtags #ReauthorizeVAWA, #RealVAWA and #VAWA.

If you aren't on one of the VAWA email lists or want to add members of your staff or state / community leaders to our grassroots alerts e-mailing list, send names and contact information including email to Sean Black, sblack@icasa.org.