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URGENT – ACTION NEEDED WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FOR VAWA

There has been an important and TIME SENSITIVE development with VAWA.

- On WEDNESDAY, February 27th, the House will vote on a rule to proceed with consideration of VAWA. We want them to vote YES on the Rule because that rule allows a vote on the Senate VAWA if the substitute is defeated.
- On THURSDAY, February 28th, the vote on the actual bill will occur. We want them to vote NO on the House substitute bill, which will come up first, and YES on the ensuing Senate version of VAWA.

Your Congress Members are listening to you! We only have a few hours to act so please call today and tomorrow morning. Members must hear loud and clear that they need to defeat the substitute and pass the bipartisan Senate version of VAWA! Your work has gotten us this far – let’s get this done!

URGENT ACTION ITEM:

To reach your Congress Member, call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 or look them up here [link]. When you’re connected to their offices, ask to speak to the staff person who handles VAWA.

MESSAGE:

I am a constituent from (city and state) and my name is ________. I’m calling about the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). I urge Congress Member ________ to vote NO on the House substitute bill and then vote YES on the bipartisan Senate version of S. 47. VAWA can and must protect all victims.

Tweet to your Congress Member:

@[congress person’s handle]: On 2/28 vote NO on the House substitute bill and then vote YES on the bipartisan Senate version of S. 47. #VAWA

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For more information, fact sheets, press coverage, support letters and updates: [link].

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