

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT (FVPSA)

Instructions:

- *Keep your final letter to less than 250 words.*
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To the Editor,

ORGANIZATION is urging our community and our elected officials to support the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Family Violence Prevention Act (FVPSA).

VAWA and FVPSA save lives, support families, and need to be reauthorized. A strong VAWA reauthorization bill (H.R. 6545) has been introduced in the House. Further, a non-controversial, straight reauthorization of FVPSA (S.2784 / H.R.6014) has been introduced in both the House and the Senate.

Around the country, one in five women has been raped in her lifetime, one in three women will experience domestic violence, and more than three women are murdered by their partners every day. In our own community **[INSERT LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS]**.

It is crucial that we know where our candidates and elected officials stand when it comes to preventing gender-based violence and protecting survivors.

Make sure that every candidate for office can tell you what they will do to prevent and end violence against women, and how they will ensure that survivor needs are met.

Every current Member of Congress should also publicly declare their support for the reauthorization of VAWA and FVPSA.

It's time to hold Congress accountable for helping to make sure all survivors are safe and free from violence and fear.

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