

In honor of International Women's History Month, and in order to end violence against women and girls around the world, ask your Senator to co-sponsor the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA)

I-VAWA Call-in Week: March 10 - March 14

If you are in the following states, please call your Republican Senator and ask him or her to cosponsor I-VAWA, S.2279

Target States: AK, ID, ME, MN, NC, NE, NH, OH, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, WY

Contact your Senator by calling the **Senate Switchboard at 202/224-3121** and asking to be connected directly to his or her Senate office.

TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR CALL

- If it becomes a law, the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) would coordinate and improve U.S. government efforts to stop the global crisis of violence against women and girls.
- Violence against women destabilizes countries and impedes economic progress and stability.
- Violence against women is an enormous human rights problem around the world. It includes rape, domestic violence, acid burning, "honor killings," human trafficking, female genital cutting and more. Experts estimate that up to one in three women globally will be beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in their lifetimes, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries.
- I-VAWA is designed to give victims of violence more assistance, to hold perpetrators accountable, and to encourage new efforts in changing social norms that support or condone violence.
- The legislation would create a five-year strategy and give funding to support a rule of law that would prevent and respond to violence against women in 10-20 poor to middle income countries. This would expand the U.S. Government's ability to address gender-based violence issues with foreign governments as part of its diplomatic relations.
- I-VAWA integrates efforts to end violence against women and girls into already existing, appropriate U.S. foreign assistance programs with a special emphasis on supporting the overseas women's groups that work every day to stop violence.

- I-VAWA enables the U.S. Government to develop a faster and more effective response to violence against women during armed conflicts and humanitarian emergencies.

- Passing I-VAWA will help support economic progress and stability in 10-20 poor and middle-income countries. And it is essential if the U.S. is to take a more coordinated and effective stand against violence that harms so many women and girls worldwide.

Find an up-to-date list of current co-sponsors [here](#).

Thanks for your support!!