



National Task Force to End Sexual & Domestic Violence

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence applauds the House of Representatives for passing H.R.1620, the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021*, with strong bipartisan support. H.R.1620 is a modest bill with targeted enhancements that increase access to services and prevention for all survivors, including survivors of color whose needs have been not been addressed in previous Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) bills. H.R.1620:

- Supports Communities of Color;
- Invests in prevention;
- Ends impunity for non-Native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse co-occurring with domestic violence, stalking, sex trafficking, and assaults on tribal law enforcement officers on tribal lands;
- Improves enforcement of court orders that require adjudicated domestic abusers to relinquish their firearms;
- Improves access to housing for victims and survivors;
- Protects victims of dating violence from firearm homicide;
- Helps survivors gain and maintain economic independence;
- Maintains existing protections for all survivors; and
- Improves the healthcare system's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Please join us in celebrating the passage of H.R.1620 in the House and in urging the Senate to pass it immediately. We will be hosting a social media event at **12:00 ET/9:00 PT** on our [Twitter page](#) that will include:

- Messages from Members of Congress and from key figures in the gender-based violence field
- A Twitterstorm thanking the House for passing this critical reauthorization
- A Twitter chat where experts can answer all of your VAWA questions

A toolkit for the Twitterstorm can be found [here](#). The hashtags are #VAWA4ALL, #VAWA21, and #HR1620.

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