

Action Alert: Ask Senators Johnson and Baldwin to Vote for VAWA

The Senate's bipartisan bill to reauthorize VAWA, S. 47, will come up for a vote next week. The bill contains key provisions to protect immigrant, LGBT and Tribal victims. The bill will be considered on Monday, February 4 and up for a vote on Thursday, February 7.

S. 47 now has 60 co-sponsors ? due in large part to all of your calls! This should guarantee VAWA's passage in the Senate. However, there is a possibility that amendments could be introduced on the floor next week that would attach non-germane provisions to VAWA and could slow down forward movement on the bill. **Please call your Senators today and Monday, and urge them to vote yes on S. 47, without amendments!**

Call the Capitol switchboard at **888.269.5702** and ask the operator to connect you to Senators Baldwin and Johnson. When you're connected to their offices, tell the person who answers the phone:

1) I am a constituent from (city, Wisconsin) and my name is _____.

2 (Johnson) I urge Senator Johnson to vote yes on S. 47, a strong, bipartisan bill that would reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act ? and to oppose any amendments that are introduced.

2 (Baldwin) I thank Senator Baldwin for co-sponsoring S. 47 and urge her to oppose any amendments that are introduced.

3) Thank you and I look forward to hearing that the Senator has voted for VAWA.

We are optimistic that a strong bill will be passed out of the Senate ? and then we can turn our attention to the House and to getting a final VAWA that safely and effectively protects all victims!

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