Take Action: Sequester Endangers Women

The headlines about budget cuts and ?sequestration? aren?t telling the real story of what is happening in our communities, to victims of domestic and sexual violence, and to the anti-violence programs that serve them.

Congress needs to hear from you: funding cuts are gutting services for victims and endangering women?s lives!

After years of budget cuts, domestic and sexual violence programs have been forced to reduce services, are losing experienced staff, and are left struggling to keep the lights on and the doors open. Every day, victims in dire need of lifesaving services must be turned away because of funding cuts to victim service programs, social services, law enforcement, and housing programs -- just to name a few.

The Congressionally-mandated sequester cuts are now taking effect, further decimating the resources that victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking need to escape and heal from violence and abuse. Congress? mandated cuts mean less funding at a time when more victims are coming forward for counseling, shelter and services.

Please join us in calling on Congress to end the sequester and ensure that lifesaving services will continue to be available to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Millions of victims receive services from local programs each year, including emergency shelter, counseling, assistance in obtaining protective orders, and more. But many requests for services go unmet due to a lack of funding and resources.

Sequestration cuts will cause an additional 526,008 victims each year to lose access to services and support. Check out and forward this infographic that explains the devastaing impact. We cannot stand by while victims of domestic and sexual violence are turned away from the services they need.

Please send a message to Congress urging them to end the sequester and the funding cuts that are devastating services victims need.

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