

Tell Congress to Fund the Services Survivors Need

You may remember that at the beginning of 2013 we had a tremendous victory when Congress passed a strong VAWA reauthorization. As we start 2014, that success is being undermined by the sequester and by funding cuts that are rolling back our progress and jeopardizing the safety of victims.

Please take a minute to **call on Congress to fund domestic violence programs and services** at the full amount that Congress set for them when it passed the funding legislation. Members need to hear that too many programs lack the resources they need to provide basic, essential services, and too many victims are left with nowhere to turn.

FACT: In one 24-hour period, U.S. domestic violence programs provided services to 64,324 victims and their children. However, on that same day, over 10,470 requests for services went unmet due to a lack of funding and resources. This unconscionable gap must be remedied, and we urge you to **take action now** .

Victims and their children need emergency shelter, crisis intervention, protection orders, legal advice, advocacy, and other supportive services. At their most vulnerable time -- leaving a violent situation, seeking help -- it is unacceptable that victims of abuse are turned away because of budget cuts.

Please **send a message to your Members of Congress** urging them to support full funding for VAWA and the other critical programs that address domestic violence.

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