



NCADV Thanks Senator Mikulski for Her Years of Service



Following the Senate Appropriations Committee's passage of her final Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) bill from the committee, NCADV would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for Senator Barbara Mikulski's support and leadership during her almost four decades in Congress.

Last week's tributes and standing ovation during the markup of the CJS bill were fitting but wholly inadequate to encapsulate and celebrate Senator Mikulski's impact on the trajectory of this nation. Not only has she been a constant champion for victims and survivors, she was instrumental in creating a path for women in Congress. She was the first Democratic woman elected to the Senate in her own right, she co-led the 1993 Pantsuit Rebellion, and she was the first woman to chair the Senate appropriations committee. She is now the longest-serving woman in the history of the United States Congress. Senator Mikulski has inspired generations of young women to challenge the status quo and to become leaders.

As Chairwoman and Vice Chairwoman of the Senate CJS Subcommittee, Senator Mikulski played a pivotal role in implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by supporting the funding of its various grant programs. In addition, over the last two years, she and her colleague Senator Richard Shelby have presided over the largest disbursements from the Crime Victims Fund to local programs and the highest funding for VAWA in the history of both programs. She has been a strong ally, a strong leader, a trailblazer and an inspiration, and she will be sorely missed!

*NCADV is the voice of victims and survivors.
We are the catalyst for changing society to have zero tolerance for domestic violence.
We do this by affecting public policy, increasing understanding of the impact of domestic violence, and providing programs and education that drive change.*

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