



National Task Force
to End Sexual and
Domestic Violence Against Women

ACTION ALERT: Pass the Justice for All Reauthorization Act!!!

Call House Leadership TODAY and demand a vote on S.2577

The [Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016](#) (JFAA, sponsored by Senators Cornyn, R-TX and Leahy, R-VT) is vital to ensure victims and survivors of gender-based violence across the nation have access to **services**, to **safe housing**, and to **justice**. This bicameral, bipartisan bill passed the Senate unanimously several months ago, but the House has not brought it to a vote. After taking a long break, Congress is only in session for a few more weeks before leaving again until after the election. This bill cannot wait!

JFAA contains many important provisions. It ensures that VAWA funding is not subject to an inappropriately applied 5% **PREA penalty** (prison rape elimination act) and clarifies VAWA housing language to specify that the **housing protections apply to residents** who are not listed on leases as well as tenants.

S.2577 also:

- Strengthens crime victims' rights
- Reduces the rape kit backlog
- Strengthens the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program
- Ensures continuity of victim services offered at national level and to Americans victimized abroad

It is imperative the House pass S.2577 in its current form! Call House Speaker Ryan (202-225-0600), Majority Leader McCarthy (202-225-4000) and House Judiciary Chairman Goodlatte (202-225-5431) and tell them to bring the bill to the floor for a vote!

Sample Script:

My name is [name], and I am calling from [organization and/or location]. I am calling to ask [Speaker Ryan/Majority Leader McCarthy/Chairman Goodlatte] to bring S.2577 up for a vote as soon as possible. This bill is vital to protecting, serving and providing justice to victims and survivors of violence against women. It passed the Senate unanimously, and it is time for the House to act!

Sample Tweet:

@speakerryan, @GOPLLeader, @repgoodlatte: Protect and serve victims and survivors of VAW!
#PassSenateJFAANow

THIS MUST BE DONE TODAY! If you have questions or want to report a response, contact:

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