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Statement from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence on Passage of S. 47, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) released the following statement regarding the House of Representatives passage (286-138) of S. 47, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013:

"NCADV is overjoyed by the outcome of today's House of Representatives decisive vote to pass an inclusive Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. After 500 days since VAWA expired, today victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and teen dating violence stand victorious – especially those who are LGBT, immigrant and Native. The passage of the bipartisan S. 47 VAWA bill will finally protect all victims of intimate partner violence and hold all perpetrators accountable. We applaud the 286 Representatives for their courageous conviction to provide justice for all and stand with 78 Senators and more than 1,300 advocacy organizations who annually serve 1.3 million victims of domestic and sexual violence.

We look forward to seeing this bill sent to President Barack Obama for enactment."

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The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) has worked for thirty-five years to end violence against women by raising awareness and educating the public about the effects of domestic abuse. Our work includes developing and sustaining ground-breaking public policy at the national level and assisting the 2,000+ urban and rural shelters and programs at the local, state, and regional levels of the nation in the programming they offer to victims seeking safety and assistance. Currently, our constituency encompasses more than 50,000 programs and individuals and is growing daily.