



POLICY ALERT

Take Action for Immigration Reform on Behalf of Immigrant Survivors

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June 4, 2014 – The [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) (NNEDV) is holding its Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill this Wednesday, June 4th, and has chosen to highlight immigration reform as one of the legislative priorities. As hundreds of DV advocates from around the country reach out to their members of Congress to urge them to support immigration reform, please join this effort by reaching out to your Representative this week. (See below for link to special resources to assist in your advocacy efforts). Together we can lift up our voices and urge the House of Representatives to take action and support immigration reform!

We must remind Congress that they have an opportunity and an obligation, through immigration reform, to fix a broken system that leaves millions of undocumented women and children extremely vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, both at home and in the workplace, and isolated from seeking help.

It has been nearly a year since the Senate passed a bipartisan immigration reform bill (S. 744) that included a pathway to work authorization and citizenship for millions of undocumented individuals, an increase in the U visa cap, and many other significant improvements in protections for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as for victims of trafficking. However, as a result of inaction in the House of Representatives, this term of Congress will soon come to an end without much needed immigration reform. The window of opportunity to get immigration reform completed this term is quickly closing. It is imperative that you reach out to your Representative in Congress and to House leadership to help educate them about this critical need and urge them to push for final passage of comprehensive immigration reform.

For more information about how you can take action, please see these new materials posted on the NLN website:

- [Taking Action for Immigration Reform backgrounder](#) (This document contains background information, key messages, how to reach out to your member of Congress, and sample tweets)
- [Advocates for survivors urge Congress to act on Immigration Reform](#)
- [Summary of Important Protections for Survivors in Current Bills](#)
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