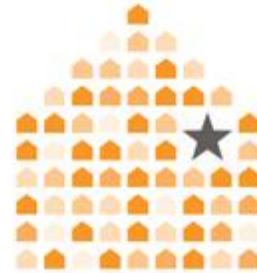




TAKE ACTION!



NATIONAL NETWORK
TO END DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

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Dear Advocate,

Thank you for your continued willingness to take action to make our nation safer for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

All federal funding for Fiscal Year 2016, including funds to address domestic and sexual violence, depends on Congress finalizing an FY 16 funding bill. To get a final budget across the finish line, [we are asking you to take action now.](#)

As a result of the Budget Control Act, which was passed in 2011 to cut the federal budget, Congress is faced with funding federal programs at unsustainably low levels due to the automatic spending cuts that occurred when Congress was unable to agree on an overall deficit reduction package. As a result, “sequestration” was triggered beginning in FY2013 and strict spending limits on discretionary spending were put in place. Now in order to get rid of sequestration and invest in programs that help our communities, Congress needs to pass a new budget deal that repeals the crippling sequester-level budget limits. [Call your Senator and Representative today.](#)

While House and Senate Leadership work on a package to get rid of sequestration, Congress needs to act fast with a short-term solution that allows the government to remain open while they complete their negotiations on a new budget deal. If Congress does not complete a new funding bill by September 30, our nation will face a costly and unnecessary federal government shutdown.

**Tell Congress to Take
Action to Prevent a
Government Shutdown**

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A shutdown jeopardizes the safety and security of victims across the country by withholding federal funding that domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, law enforcement programs and more rely upon to help victims in crisis. The lack of a longer-term budget agreement locks in harmful spending limits that cannot meet the growing demands in our communities.

[Take a minute today to call on Congress to get rid of sequestration and agree on a new budget deal in order to finalize its FY16 spending bills.](#)

Action: Please call your Senators and Representatives and ask them to:

1. First pass a short-term funding bill with no policy riders, to prevent a harmful and completely unnecessary government shutdown; then
2. Develop a longer-term budget agreement that eliminates sequester-level funding and increases investment in crucial federal programs (called “non-defense discretionary programs”) which keep our communities safe and productive; and
3. Pass an FY 16 appropriations bill that provides the resources needed for the broad range of critical programs, including increased investment in programs that address domestic and sexual violence.

Please **[send a message to your Members of Congress](#)** urging them to quickly pass a short-term spending bill to prevent a disruptive government shutdown and work on a budget that invests in necessary and lifesaving programs.

I know I can count on you to act with us to preserve vital resources for survivors.

For peace and safety,



Kim Gandy
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