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Subject: NAESV Alert: Call Congress today to stop harm to immigrant sexual violence survivors

Below you will find an action alert from our national partners. People who live in U.S. Rep. Kind's district should pay particular note as he is one of the listed lawmakers to call. Our apologies for any cross posting.

**ACTION ALERT: HARMFUL AMENDMENTS FOR SURVIVORS ON HOUSE DHS APPROPRIATION BILL**

The House of Representatives will begin floor debates on the amendments to Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 240 **today or tomorrow morning**.

All of the amendments are problematic and we would prefer a bill with NO amendments, but the **Anderholt and DeSantis amendments** in particular would have harmful effects on immigrant survivors of violence and ignore the best interests of victims and their children. Specifically,

- **The Anderholt Amendment** will increase victim fear of deportation and make them less likely to report crimes committed against them as a result of local law enforcement entanglement with ICE in implementing the Secure Communities Program.

- **The DeSantis Amendment** removes DHS discretion to consider the needs of immigrant victims who may have been wrongly accused, pled guilty to or been unfairly convicted of domestic violence charges.

**The National Taskforce to End Domestic and Sexual Violence has written a letter opposing these amendments**

**CALL CONGRESS TODAY!**

Call your member of Congress at **1-888-352-3520** or Find your Representative: [http://www.house.gov/representatives/find](http://www.house.gov/representatives/find) Phone numbers: [http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/ttd.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/ttd.aspx)

Ask them to vote against these amendments. It is especially important that House leadership and members in moderate districts hear from you (see below) but all members should know that you are watching what they do. Thanks!

What to say (sample)

"I am a voter from [City, State] and I work with immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Please vote NO on the Anderholt and DeSantis Amendments to the"
Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, HR 240. These amendments will harm vulnerable immigrant domestic violence victims and discourage them from reporting crimes committed against them.”

**House Targets:**

**House Democrats**
- Rep. Kind (WI)
- Rep. Himes (CT)
- Rep. Courtney (CT)
- Rep. Esty (CT)
- Rep. Kirkpatrick (AZ)
- Rep. Sinema (AZ)
- Rep. Sean Maloney (NY)
- Rep. Patrick Murphy (FL)
- Rep. Defazio (OR)
- Rep. Cooper (TN)

**House Republicans**
- Speaker Boehner (OH)
- Rep. McCarthy (CA)
- Rep. Denham (CA)
- Rep. Valadao (CA)
- Rep. Nunes (CA)
- Rep. Ros-Lehtinen (FL)
- Rep. Diaz-Balart (FL)
- Rep. Curbelo (FL)
- Rep. Scalise (LA)
- Rep. Goodlatte (VA)
- Rep. McCaul (TX)

**Use Social Media:**

Congressional staffers these days are paying more attention to twitter than individual letters, so calling their attention is key.

Below is a list of format that you can copy and paste into the tweeter feed. Please post at your earliest convenience, and let Andrea know if you have any questions.

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**Twitter Messages**
Amendments to DHS appropriations bill HURT immigrant victims of DV & sexual abuse [http://bit.ly/1z7dVYV](http://bit.ly/1z7dVYV) @RosLehtinen [INSERT IMAGE 1]
Amd. to DHS appropriations discourages sexual assault victims from seeking help. [Click for link]
Amd. to DHS appropriations can make victims of DV/SA more likely to endure abuse. [Click for link]
Amd to DHS appropriations puts people last. Victims of sexual assault affected. [Click for link]
Amd 2 DHS appropriations reinstates Secure Communities, and tears apart thousands of families. [Click for link]
Amd to DHS appropriations increases vulnerability to domestic violence & sexual abuse for immigrants. [Click for link]
Amd to DHS appropriations eliminates DHS prosecutorial discretion to consider needs of victims of DV/SA. [Click for link]

**Facebook Messages**
Amendments to DHS appropriations bill HURT immigrant victims of DV & sexual abuse. [Click for link]
DeSantis amendment to DHS appropriations bill discourages victims of sexual assault from seeking help. [Click for link]
DeSantis amd. to DHS appropriations bill will make victims of domestic violence and sexual assault more likely to endure abuse. [Click for link]
DeSantis amendment to DHS appropriations bill puts politics first, people last. See how victims of sexual assault are affected. [Click for link]
Aderholt amendment to DHS appropriations bill reinstates Secure Communities, which tore apart thousands of families. [Click for link]
Aderholt amendment to DHS appropriations bill increases vulnerability to domestic violence and sexual abuse for immigrants. [Click for link]
Aderholt amendment to DHS appropriations bill eliminates DHS prosecutorial discretion to consider the needs of victims of DV/SA. [Click for link]

**Important Twitter Handles**

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- Rep. Kind (WI) @RepRonKind
- Rep. Himes (CT) @jahimes
- Rep. Courtney (CT) @RepJoeCourtney
- Rep. Esty (CT) @RepEsty
- Rep. Kirkpatrick (AZ) @RepKirkpatrick
- Rep. Sinema (AZ) @RepSinema
- Rep. Sean Maloney (NY) @RepSeanMaloney
- Rep. Patrick Murphy (FL) @RepMurphyFl
- Rep. Defazio (OR) @RepPeterDefazio
- Rep. Cooper (TN) @RepJimCooper

**House Republicans**
- Speaker Boehner (OH) @SpeakerBoehner
- Rep. McCarthy (CA) @RepJeoffDenham
Rep. Valadao (CA) @DavidValadao
Rep. Nunes (CA) @Rep_DevinNunes
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen (FL) @RosLehtinen
Rep. Diaz-Balart (FL)
Rep. Curbelo (FL) @RepCurbelo
Rep. Scalise (LA) @SteveScalise
Rep. Goodlatte (VA) @RepGoodlatte
Rep. McCaul (TX) @RepMcCaul

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