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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League, we are writing to urge you to support S. 47, essential legislation which reauthorizes the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

For 100 years, the Anti-Defamation League has been working to ensure justice and fair treatment for all. ADL has been a leader in developing programs and legislation designed to combat prejudice and hate violence – and promote equality and respect for differences.

VAWA-created and funded programs have had a significant impact on the lives of women in America since its enactment in 1994. Implementation of the Act has decreased the incidence of domestic violence, empowered women to report targeted violence against them, and encouraged partnerships between community-based organizations and the law enforcement community. Now these programs must be reauthorized and updated – including programs in S. 47 specifically designed to address domestic violence against women of color, Native Americans, and intimate partner violence involving LGBT people. No one should be denied critical services because of their actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We urge you to support S. 47 without weakening amendments. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,

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