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IN SUPPORT for H.R. 4970, Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Dear Representative,

The National Coalition For Men and associated organizations represent thousands of voters and advocates who favor the fair, equitable, and effective treatment of domestic violence victims. Hence, we strongly support for H.R. 4970, the Reauthorization of VAWA, introduced by Rep. Sandy Adams (R-FL).

In light of its favorable passage by the Judiciary Committee last week, H.R. 4970 continues to strengthen VAWA by providing vital improvements to increase the safety and services for the abused regardless of ethnicity, sex, sexual preference, and religion, to include immigrants. H.R. 4970 not only supports existing anti-fraud provisions but calls for heightened enforcement in a number of areas, which will ensure more of the abused are better served.

The House has the opportunity to pass H.R. 4970, a victim-centered VAWA reauthorization bill, endorsed by women and men advocacy groups. Those opposing H.R. 4970 loudly assert that VAWA serves all people, which is absurd on its face given the name of the Act. Opposing versions, by omission and lack of specificity, generally exclude men, particularly heterosexual men, regardless of specious arguments to the contrary.

We cannot adequately address violence related issues by excluding half the population, allowing precious resources to be squandered for ideological purposes, empowering false accusers at the expense of true victims, and letting malfeasance and maladministration run unchecked without holding applicable program administrators accountable.

Thus, we strongly support H.R. 4970 and urge you to vote yes. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me

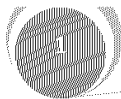
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