

Making Calls to Your Members of Congress

Please use the below sample script to call your Senators and your Representative and ask them to cosponsor IVAWA today!

You can reach the Capitol Switchboard at 202.224.3121

- 1.) Telephone calls are usually taken by a staff member. Ask to speak with the aide who handles foreign affairs or women's issues.
- 2.) After identifying yourself as a constituent, tell the staffer that you would like to leave a brief message.

"Please tell Representative/Senator [REDACTED] that I support the International Violence Against Women Act."

- 3.) Ask for the position of your Member of Congress on the bill. If they are a co-sponsor, thank them for their support and urge them to help pass IVAWA in 2015.
- 4.) If they are not a cosponsor, you can say:

"Please urge the Representative/Senator [REDACTED] to cosponsor the bill and help pass IVAWA in 2015."

- 5.) You can also add:

"I support the bill because:

- **"Violence against women and girls is a human rights violation occurring globally.**
- **An estimated one in every three women globally has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.**
- **The International Violence Against Women Act supports measures to prevent violence, protect survivors and bring perpetrators to justice."**

You can and should request a written response to your telephone call.

Email tdemant@aiusa.org to let us know you called (and who you called) so we can log our calls.