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Support the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA)

One out of every three women worldwide will be physically, sexually, or otherwise abused during her lifetime, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries. Violence against women and girls is a global epidemic and a human rights violation occurring daily. It devastates the lives of millions of women and girls worldwide, in peacetime and in conflict, and knows no national or cultural barriers. Violence against women destabilizes countries, impedes economic progress, prevents women from contributing to their household and community, and creating better lives for themselves and their families.

The ***International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA***) is a piece of legislation in the 114th Congress that makes preventing and responding to violence against women and girls a top U.S. diplomatic and foreign assistance priority. IVAWA directs the U.S. government to implement a comprehensive, multi-sectoral strategy to reduce and end violence.

The ***International Violence Against Women Act*** **(IVAWA)** would:

- Prevent violence, support survivors, and hold perpetrators accountable.
- Support health, legal, economic, education, law enforcement, and humanitarian assistance sectors by incorporating violence prevention and response into such programs.
- Work to change social norms about acceptability of violence against women and girls.
- Support local women's organizations already working to stop violence against women and girls on the ground.

We urge our Senators and Representative to co-sponsor **IVAWA** in support of the right of all women and girls worldwide to live free from violence.

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