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Dear [first name],

Exciting news!

U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Mark Kirk (R-IL) and U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Chris Gibson (R-NY) have reintroduced the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA) in the Senate and House! IVAWA is legislation that will support on-the-ground efforts around the world to prevent and reduce violence against women and girls.

Please take a moment to ask your Members of Congress to support this important bill at

www.aiusa.org/ivawa because violence against women and girls globally is nothing short of an epidemic:

- One in three women worldwide will experience some form of violence in their lifetimes (United Nations Development Fund);
- Upwards of 70 percent of women in some countries will experience violence in their lifetimes (UNITE To End Violence Against Women);
- Upwards of 4.5 million people have experienced forced sexual exploitation and 98% of these individuals are women and girls (International Labour Organization);
- In some countries, as many as 30 percent of women report that their first sexual experience was coerced or forced. The younger a woman was at the time of sexual initiation, the higher the chance that it was violent (World Health Organization); and
- Worldwide, more than 700 million women today were married as children (below 18 years of age). More than one in three—or some 250 million—were married before 15 years of age. Research confirms that girls who marry in childhood are at a greater risk for intimate partner violence than girls of the same age who marry later (United Nations Children's Fund).

Fortunately, you and I can help make the world safer for women and girls.

The International Violence Against Women Act would provide essential support for proven strategies to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. And it would bolster the efforts of women and men around the world who are working to reduce gender-based violence in their communities.

Take action www.aiusa.org/ivawa and help support passage of IVAWA.

Gender-based violence is a global problem, but you and I can play a special role in making the world a safer place for women and girls. **Please take action now.**

With Gratitude,

[YOUR SIGNATURE]