



American Medical Women's Association
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April 9, 2019

Dear <Senator> <Last>:

Founded in 1915, the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) functions at the local, nation, and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women's health. AMWA achieves this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise, mentoring and strategic alliances.

AMWA urges you to vote "YES" on H.R.1585, the bipartisan Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 (VAWA). The VAWA continues the effective programs that have helped reduce domestic and dating violence and sexual assault over the last 25 years, and adds new programs focused on preventing violence, helping children and youth exposed to violence. The bill does more to help victims from vulnerable communities impacted by these crimes. H.R. 1585 has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

AMWA firmly believes that strengthening protections and providing increased safeguards for these vulnerable populations is imperative in order to improve human health.

Specifically, the VAWA promotes prevention and increases protections by supporting programs to help those exposed to violence acts, which include, but are not limited to:

- Funding for trauma informed training for law enforcement agencies
- Grants for education programming to help combat violent crimes on campuses
- Allowance for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to study adult and youth abuse
- Expansion of legal assistance and safe housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking

AMWA urges you to support H.R.1585 to improve federal responses to the aforementioned acts of violence by voting "YES" on the bipartisan Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Newman, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Connie Newman, MD, FACP, FAMWA
President, AMWA