

YWCA Call to Action: Phone/Email script for Federal Elected Officials **Reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act (S. 1275).**

Phone Script: *If you wish, please add your own thoughts to your communication to your elected officials.*

Hello, my name is [insert name here], and I am a constituent calling from [insert city and state]. I would like to speak to [insert name/title of elected official] or their respective Head of Staff.

(If your Member of Congress is unavailable-- continue with: "Please pass along this message for me.")

I'm calling today as part of YWCA's Week Without Violence to urge the Member to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (S. 1275).

As you know, FVPSA provides important federal resources to encourage community-coordinated responses to combat violence, including domestic, sexual, and intimate partner violence. It supports thousands of programs across the country including housing and emergency shelter to survivors during the most vulnerable points in their lives. FVPSA is critical, lifesaving legislation that maintain the safety, resources, and protections important to all survivors. The House has already passed the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and did so with bipartisan support. However, this legislation still sits in the Senate more than a year later.

All people deserve to live free from violence and abuse. Can we count on [insert name of elected official]'s support for reauthorization of FVPSA this year?

[Response: Yes]

Thank you for your support! FVPSA takes critical steps to ensure survivors have access to the care and services they need.

[Response: Maybe/No]

FVPSA takes critical steps to ensure survivors of violence have access to the care and services they need. Every day it remains unauthorized is another day that Congress tells survivors to be silent. Thank you for your time and, once again, we hope you will reconsider your position.

Email/Voicemail Script: *If you wish, please add your own thoughts to your communication to your elected officials.*

Hello, my name is [insert name here], and I am a constituent calling from [insert city and state].

I'm [writing/calling] today as part of YWCA's Week Without Violence to urge [insert name/title of elected official] to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (S. 1275).

Since its initial authorization in the 1980s, FVPSA has provided important federal resources to encourage community-coordinated responses to combat violence, including domestic, sexual, and

intimate partner violence. It supports thousands of programs across the country including housing and emergency shelter to survivors during the most vulnerable points in their lives and further breaking down barriers to accessing resources and space needed to find safety.

The Family Violence Prevention Services Act (S. 1275) is critical, lifesaving legislation that maintains the safety, resources, and protections important to all survivors. Last year, the House passed the FVPSA and did so with bipartisan support. However, this legislation still sits in the Senate more than a year later. Every day it remains unauthorized is another day that Congress tells survivors to be silent.

All people deserve to live free from violence and abuse. Thank you and I look forward to [\[insert name/title of elected official\]](#) support.