



Action Alert

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To say that October is a very busy and important month is an understatement. We're focused on the Getting Out the Vote while campaigning for our candidates. Let's also take other actions.

Contact your U.S. Senators and demand that they vote to renew the Violence Against Women Act. The U.S. House passed H.B. 1585 on April 4, 2019, but the legislation is still sitting on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's desk. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States and that equates to more than 10 million and women during one year.

Since this is an election year, our Senators should be willing to vote for this legislation. During the House vote, 138 Republicans voted against the bill. Many of these have claimed they voted for the legislation because they voted for a GOP proposed alternative version of the bill that did not contain provisions intended to protect gays, lesbians and transgender individuals, Native Americans and undocumented immigrants. If your Representative voted "No," let him/her know your displeasure.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each year 250,000 women experience breast cancer and 42,000 die from it. October 16 is Mammogram Awareness Day. As a cancer survivor that had to have a double mastectomy, I want to emphasize the importance of having an annual mastectomy.

A National Women's March will take place on October 17 in numerous locations throughout the country. We will use this event to tell the Trump Administration and the Republican Senators that the citizens of this country want the next President to nominate the person that will fill the Supreme Court opening that was created by the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Earlier, NFDW's Legislative Committee passed along an idea to suggest to your Democratic state legislators to propose legislation for a voluntary income tax donation opportunity on your state's income tax form. Georgia passed this legislation in the early 90's and more than \$3,000,000 has been donated for cancer research since then.

Your Democratic Sister,

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