

Dear.....

Thank you for your outstanding leadership to end violence against women around the world. Because of your support, the historic piece of legislation known as “The International Violence Against Women Act,” will help to end violence against women around the world.

As you know, at least one out of every three women globally will be beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime, with rates reaching 70 percent in some countries and every year, around the world, violence in the home and community devastates the lives of millions of women and girls and their families. Now, for the first time, through your leadership on the International Violence Against Women Act, the United States has a historic opportunity to raise this issue in its diplomatic work and have an impact on the suffering of millions of women, while contributing to other US foreign policy goals like fighting HIV/AIDS, ending poverty and enhancing stability.

Your bill has the power to help women and girls around world to be free from rape, domestic violence, acid burning, dowry deaths, honor killings, human trafficking, female genital cutting and other harmful practices.

You have provided real leadership on a major problem of our times to end violence against women and girls.

Thank you.