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We are writing to share our concern about the problem of domestic violence in the Russian Federation. Women in Russia face violence in their own homes as do women throughout the world. According to the latest statistics from the Russian government, on average, a Russian woman dies as a result of domestic violence every hour. Every fourth Russia family is plagued by domestic violence.

We urge you in your capacity as Minister of Health and Social Development for the Russian Federation to work to end violence in the family. You can help to limit the damaging effects of domestic violence by ensuring that

- money is allocated to help regional and local governments create and support women's shelters, crisis centers and non-governmental organizations working to combat domestic violence
- training on gender-based violence is made compulsory for those who work with victims of violence, including forensic experts, health professionals and social workers.
- legislation is introduced that makes domestic violence a distinct crime and provides for support for the victims of such crimes

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