

International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) S.2279

Sample Letter to Your Senators

[Date]

Dear Senator [Name],

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor the *International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA)*, S.2279, groundbreaking legislation that would help combat the global crisis of violence against women and girls.

This essential legislation, introduced on October 31, 2007 by Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Richard Lugar (R-IN), would incorporate and make consistent efforts to reduce violence against women and girls in U.S. foreign assistance programs.

By addressing violence against girls in school, encouraging legal reform, working to change public attitudes, and supporting health programs and survivor services, especially in crisis situations, and promoting women's economic opportunity, *I-VAWA* could have a real impact.

We all feel so helpless when we read about what's happening to women and girls in Darfur, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and elsewhere. This legislation would make a difference and step up our government's work to stop this violence and keep women and children safe. Please co-sponsor the *International Violence Against Women Act*.

Sincerely,

[Your name, organization, email address and telephone number]