

ADOPTED**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION****COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE****SECTION OF FAMILY LAW****CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION****SECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES****GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS DIVISION****COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY****COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION****COMMISSION ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW****COMMISSION ON YOUTH AT RISK****COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION****NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS****REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES****RECOMMENDATION**

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association
2 urges Congress to re-authorize and fully fund the
3 Violence Against Women Act and similar legislation
4 that:

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6 1. Enhances judicial, legal and law enforcement
7 tools to combat domestic violence, dating
8 violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

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10 2. Improves services for victims of domestic
11 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
12 stalking;

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- 14 3. Strengthens the healthcare system's response
15 to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
16 assault, and stalking;
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- 18 4. Provides housing opportunities and economic
19 security for victims of domestic violence, dating
20 violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
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- 22 5. Provides services, protection, and justice for
23 underserved and vulnerable victims of violence,
24 including children and youth who are victims or
25 are witnesses to family violence, and victims
26 who are disabled, elderly, immigrant, trafficked,
27 LGBT and/or Indian;
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- 29 6. Strives to prevent domestic violence, dating
30 violence, sexual assault, and stalking.