

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR - A

Note: *If possible, start your letter with a short reference to a recent article (within the last five days) in the paper about FVPSA or about an incidence of violence against a woman in your community. If you do not know of a recent story, search your newspaper's website for "family violence prevention and services act." If there has been recent coverage, start your letter with a reference to the headline and the date it was published. Keep your final letter to less than 200 words.*

To the Editor,

In reference to your article, **HEADLINE**, on **DATE**, **ORGANIZATION** is urging our community and our elected officials to support the reauthorization of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).

Around the country, one in five women has been raped in her lifetime, and one in three women will experience domestic violence. **[INSERT LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS]**. FVPSA saves lives, improves the safety of survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and must be reauthorized. A reauthorization of FVPSA (S.1275) has passed the House and has been introduced in the Senate, and we urge Senators to reauthorize it with strong prevention measures.

As an organization serving women, girls, families, and communities of color in **TOWN/CITY**, we strongly support the reauthorization of FVPSA (S.1275). It is crucial that we know where our candidates and elected officials stand when it comes to preventing gender-based violence.

It's time to take the politics out of domestic violence, and to hold Congress accountable for helping to ensure that all survivors are safe and free from violence and fear.

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SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR - B

Note: *If possible, start your letter with a short reference to a recent article (within the last five days) in the paper about highly divisive issues. If you do not know of a recent story, search your newspaper’s website for “abortion,” “LGBTQ,” or “gun violence,” or “police violence.” If there has been recent coverage, start your letter with a reference to the headline and the date it was published. Keep your final letter to less than 200 words.*

To the Editor,

In reference to your article, **HEADLINE**, on **DATE**, **ORGANIZATION** is urging our community and our elected officials to center the voices and needs of survivors of domestic and sexual violence in conversations about **[INSERT DIVISIVE TOPIC HERE]**.

Around the country, one in five women has been raped in her lifetime, and one in three women will experience domestic violence. **[INSERT LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS]**.

From gun violence and mass shootings to reproductive health restrictions, anti-LGBTQ+ laws, and police violence, some of our nation’s most contentious issues directly impact the safety and well-being of survivors in unique and especially harmful ways. Too often these impacts are unknown, overlooked, or actively ignored — leaving many survivors of gender-based violence unsupported in their efforts to find safety, healing, and pathways forward, free from further violence. We must ensure that the voices and needs of survivors are centered as we head to the polls this year, so that new policies and legislation are enacted to support survivors.

As an organization serving women, girls, families, and communities of color in **TOWN/CITY**, we strongly support policies and legislation that prevent violence and support survivors. It is crucial that we know where our candidates and elected officials stand when it comes to preventing gender-based violence.

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