

Fill-In-The-Blank Materials

Sample Newsletter Article

Advocates can ask the editor of their Representative's or Senators' newsletter to run this article.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, [Member of Congress] Says Stopping Abuse Is Everyone's Business

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when every person should consider what she or he can do to help end the epidemic of domestic violence that plagues our [city, district or state] and our nation.

The statistics are staggering. In the United States, nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives, according to a 1998 Commonwealth Fund survey. In 1998, 1,320 women – more than three women per day – were murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [Add statistics about the prevalence of domestic violence in your community.]

[Member of Congress] is committed to working to end domestic violence. [Add information about what the Member of Congress has done to

help stop domestic violence, the legislation she or he has sponsored or supported, etc.]

“Domestic violence is everyone's business. Abuse affects everyone in our community and we must all come together to stop this epidemic,” said [Member of Congress]. “I am very proud to support [name of your organization], which is [mention what your organization is doing for DVAM] this month.”

If you are a victim of domestic violence, help is available. In our community, help is available from [your organization's name] by calling [your hotline number or contact person]. The number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE.

For more information on what [Member of Congress] is doing to help stop domestic violence, contact [phone or email for Congressional office].