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POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING THE

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

We, the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), include judges at every level of the state and federal judiciaries among our members. In our courtrooms, many of us deal on a daily basis with the effects of violence and abuse against women, children, and other vulnerable members of our society. NAWJ's mission is "Equal Access to Justice for All." NAWJ has supported the Violence Against Women Act since its original enactment in 1994, and we have seen the progress it has brought about.

We now urge Congress to reenact an even stronger Violence Against Women Act in order to provide still much needed educational, protective, and law enforcement resources for our courts and communities, so that we can continue to take these issues out of the darkness and into a brighter, safer, and more compassionate future.

Adopted by the NAWJ Executive Board by unanimous, emergency email vote on November 7, 2018.

Honorable Tamila E. Ipema
President, National Association of Women Judges