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The Daughters of Penelope Applauds Boost to VAWA Funding in House of Representatives

WASHINGTON (June 3, 2014)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international women’s organization, applauds the passage of H.R.4660, the FY2015 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that boosts funding for programs administered under the Violence Against Women Act, announced Grand President Joanne Saltas. The legislation received strong bipartisan support, passing by a vote of 321-87, on May 30, 2014.

“We sincerely thank the U.S. House of Representatives for passing this important bill,” Grand President Saltas said. “The legislation provides crucial funding for the Violence Against Women Act to support the programs that ultimately help victims of domestic violence and abuse. We look forward to seeing a similar appropriations bill with encouraging funding levels work its way through regular order in the Senate.”

Saltas added, “We appreciate the bipartisan efforts of Chairman Frank Wolf and Ranking Member Chaka Fattah, who led the CJS appropriations bill through the appropriations process and pass the House of Representatives.”

The FY2015 CJS Appropriations bill that came to the House Floor funded the Office on Violence Against Women at \$425.5 million, an increase of \$8.5 million above the FY2014 level enacted by Congress. It was also \$3 million above the president’s budget request for FY2015.

In addition, three amendments passed by voice vote on the House Floor that further bolstered VAWA funding by a total additional amount of \$4 million. They are:

- Rep. Krysten Sinema, whose amendment increased funding for VAWA campus grants by \$1 million for student safety and support on campus;
- Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, whose amendment increased funding for VAWA programs by \$500,000 for immigrant victims of domestic violence; and
- Rep. Pete Gallego, whose amendment increased funding for the Violence Against Women Act to help address domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in rural areas by \$2.5 million.



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For decades, the Daughters of Penelope has had a vested interest in the issue of domestic violence, supporting local shelters and the victims they house all across the country. In 1979, the DOP sponsored [Penelope House Family Violence Center](#), a nationally-recognized model shelter located in Mobile, Ala. It was the first of its kind in Alabama. In October 2009, the DOP opened its second nationally sponsored shelter, [Penelope's Place](#), in Brockton, Mass. Moreover, the Daughters of Penelope has as one of its National Projects, [WIN Hellas](#), which is an NGO based in Athens, Greece that is active in the prevention of violence against women.

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.

For more information about Penelope House, please visit www.penelopehouse.org. Please visit www.daughtersofpenelope.org for more information about the DOP or any of its programs or projects.

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