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**The Julian Center Expresses its Support for I-VAWA Legislation being reintroduced in House and Senate**

Ann DeLaney the Executive Director of The Julian Center expressed the organization's support for the International Violence Against Women Act set to be reintroduced into the House and Senate in the upcoming weeks.

The International Violence Against Women Act was first introduced into the Senate by then Senator Biden and Senator Richard Lugar as Co-Chairmen of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I-VAWA seeks to reduce violence against women and girls globally by integrating anti-violence across U.S Foreign assistance programs and making ending violence against women a diplomatic priority. If passed the legislation would commit nearly 5 billion dollars over the next five years toward the goal of providing shelter to survivors, providing health and counseling services, encouraging legal accountability and funding programs to change public attitudes on violence against women around the world.

The Julian Center serves over two thousand women and children affected by domestic violence every year by providing them with shelter, counseling and legal services and other services. In supporting the I-VAWA Act, The Julian Center seeks to expand its commitment to fighting violence against women globally. "The United States can assist in fighting the world wide epidemic of violence against women and girls by making eradicating such violence a foreign policy priority," Ann DeLaney said. We urge other Hoosiers and Americans to support I-VAWA and urge our lawmakers to make empowering women part of our foreign policy agenda.