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To reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

4 It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—

5 (1) reauthorize the Violence Against Women
6 Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925 et seq.) (referred to
7 in this section as “VAWA”), a landmark bipartisan
8 bill that has dramatically improved the national re-
9 sponse to domestic and sexual violence;

1 (2) renew the commitment of the United States
2 to providing the resources necessary to combat all
3 forms of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating vi-
4 olence, and stalking, including important new initia-
5 tives to reduce homicides, increase the focus on pre-
6 venting and responding to sexual assault, and make
7 women on college campuses safer from domestic and
8 sexual violence;

9 (3) build upon the success of VAWA in trans-
10 forming the criminal justice and community-based
11 response to abuse by bolstering and streamlining the
12 programs, grants, and coalitions created by VAWA
13 and expanding the reach of VAWA to meet the re-
14 maining unmet needs of victims;

15 (4) continue to provide the training, tools, and
16 resources necessary for law enforcement officers and
17 victim service providers to hold the perpetrators of
18 domestic and sexual violence accountable and to
19 keep victims safe; and

20 (5) ensure that all victims of domestic and sex-
21 ual violence, including Native American women, gay
22 and lesbian victims, and battered immigrant women,
23 receive the support and protections provided by
24 VAWA.

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