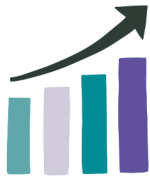




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Safe Time



Our Ask: Employers with 50 or more employees to allow victims to seek services related to domestic violence or abuse they are experiencing. This would include legal, housing, medical, counseling services.

The Need: The average person who is a victim of domestic violence loses on average 137 hours of work per year.

- Financial instability is the #1 reason survivors return to abusive situations.
- Many survivors need time off to seek a restraining order, find a safe place to stay, or to receive services from a domestic violence or sexual assault program.

The Impact: The Employer would essentially be getting back 97 hours of productivity that would otherwise be lost. Between 25-50% of domestic violence survivors report job loss, earn lower wages and miss out on advancement opportunities due to experiencing abuse. This bill provides employees and employers a safe and more productive workplace.



Address Confidentiality



The Ask: GA needs an Address Confidentiality Program that protects survivors' personal addresses that are public record from potential misuse or abuse from abusers.

The Need: The most dangerous time for a survivor is when they choose to leave. Not being able to protect the confidentiality of a new residence is often a barrier for survivors when they choose to relocate to protect themselves and their families. The issue becomes compounded when they have experienced stalking.

The Impact: As a part of a comprehensive safety plan, an Address Confidentiality Program is a tool survivors can use to help keep themselves and their families safer.





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Firearms



Our Ask: We want to restrict access to firearms for those who have committed domestic violence misdemeanors against their intimate partners.

The Need: Lawful gun ownership is an individual right. Firearms should not be used to harm intimate partners or family members. GA Law should reflect this.

- Firearms are the weapon of choice for abusers who wish to kill their intimate partners.
- There is a 500% increase in the likelihood of a fatality when a firearm is present during a domestic or dating violence incident regardless of who owns it.

The Impact: Keeping firearms out of the hands of abusers will save lives, keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars. Law enforcement, children and innocent bystanders are all impacted by this issue.



Funding



The Ask: Support an increase of \$7M to state certified shelters and \$2.8M for certified sexual assault centers.

The Need: The current funding is not adequate to operate Domestic Violence Shelters and Sexual Assault Centers 24/7 which is mandated by State law.

- For the past six years the need for services has increased. This growing need continues to put a strain on programs that are already struggling to maintain staffing levels and resources.

The Impact: Domestic Violence Shelters and Sexual Assault Centers provide life-saving services for adults and children across the state every day. Adequate funding will ensure that nobody gets turned away

