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Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
Arizona Congressional District 8
United States House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

The Pima County Attorney's Office wholeheartedly supports Congressional funding for **Comprehensive Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse and their Children**.

This initiative is sponsored by *The Partnership for Women and Girls*, a unique collaboration of the YWCA-Tucson; Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence; and Sahuaro Girl Scout Council.

In spite of \$650,000 cuts to domestic violence programs, these agencies are working together to find solutions to support women and children who have experienced domestic abuse by providing a comprehensive continuum of services.

Research and experience demonstrate that a full spectrum of activities and services are needed to break the cycle of domestic violence. This includes safety, advocacy, counseling, and acquiring essential life skills. Congressional funds will provide the necessary funding to support shelters, education, training, counseling and scholarships and will go a long way towards building a stronger and safer southern Arizona community.

I strongly urge you to support *The Partnership for Women and Girls* request for Congressional funding for **Comprehensive Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse and their Children**.

Sincerely,

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