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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Committee Members:

The Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (IC), established in 2007, comprises nearly 40 organizations representing thousands of people of Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Baha'i faiths. With a unified faith voice, we urge you to quickly confirm a Director of the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

OVW provides the necessary federal leadership in developing a unified national response to reduce violence against women and strengthen services (faith-based and secular) to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Additionally, OVW has a pivotal role in reaching across the federal government to prioritize addressing and ending these violent crimes. Given the importance of the Office of Violence Against Women, we believe it is imperative to have a Senate-confirmed director at the helm.

We respectfully urge you to move forward with a confirmation hearing for the Director of the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

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