



November 7, 2022

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 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) writes to urge you to confirm Rosemarie Hidalgo to be the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the Department of Justice. NCADV is the nation's oldest national grassroots domestic violence collective, elevating the voices of survivors in the nation's capital. Established in 1978, our mission is to lead, mobilize, and raise our voices to support efforts that demand a change of conditions that lead to domestic violence such as patriarchy, privilege, racism, sexism, and classism. We are dedicated to supporting survivors and holding offenders accountable and supporting advocates.

OVW is responsible for implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was reauthorized in March, as well as providing support across the federal government for initiatives to end gender-based violence. As OVW implements the new provisions in VAWA, it must be led by a strong, Senate-confirmed leader.

Ms. Hidalgo is a longtime colleague who is universally respected in the gender-based violence community. She is a uniter, bringing together diverse stakeholders and always centering the needs of victims and survivors. She brings more than twenty-five years of experience in the field, including providing direct legal services to survivors and developing and implementing effective public policy to improve both the domestic and the global response to gender-based violence. In addition to her time working in nonprofits, most recently as Senior Director of Public Policy at Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities (now Esperanza United), she served as the Deputy Director for Policy at OVW from 2014 to 2017, and she currently sits on the White House Gender Policy Council and serves as the White House Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President.

We recognize that you have many competing priorities as the year draws to a close. We ask that the Senate confirm Ms. Hidalgo to be the Director of OVW as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Graber at rgrab@ncadv.org.

Sincerely,

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence