

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

Representative Lloyd Smucker
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Washington, DC 20515

Representative Gwen Moore
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Dear Representatives Smucker and Moore,

YWCA USA strongly supports the Survivor Justice Tax Prevention Act (H.R.2347) and appreciates your leadership on this issue. On behalf of the thousands of courageous survivors of violence that YWCA Local Associations support each year, we urge the committee to pass this legislation and ensure it comes to a vote on the House floor.

For over 160 years, YWCA Local Associations have provided essential services nationwide, including child care, early education, housing, job training, and support for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Today, YWCAs offer services and programs for sexual assault survivors, such as 24-hour hotlines, crisis counseling, support groups, and medical accompaniment. Because of the work of YWCAs directly with survivors, YWCA USA understands the importance of H.R. 2347.

Under current law, survivors of sexual crimes face significant barriers in proving that damages received should not be taxed, especially if they have not sought medical treatment, do not wish to share sensitive medical records, or cannot demonstrate proof of observable harm. H.R.2347 addresses this issue by allowing survivors to use a judicial decision or agreement which states that any damages received are on account of a sexual act or sexual contact to support their claim. For survivors served by YWCAs, this common-sense language change enables them to substantiate their claim while preserving their dignity and privacy.

Again, we strongly support the Survivor Justice Tax Prevention Act (H.R.2347) and urge a yes vote on this legislation. We look forward to working with you on this and future legislation that improves the lives of survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

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Sincerely,



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