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Dear Friends,

For over a year, House Republicans leaders displayed a willful, implacable but ultimately failed resistance to protecting LGBT, immigrant, and Native American women from domestic violence. Today they relented on their insensitive and unsustainable position and allowed the Violence Against Women Act to come to the House floor for a vote. I am pleased that a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives has now affirmed what is plainly common sense: that violence is violence no matter what you look like or whom you love.

I applaud Sen. Leahy for his perseverance on this issue. Because of his able leadership, women vulnerable to domestic violence and abuse have peace of mind knowing that they will not have to suffer in silence because Congress failed to reauthorize this landmark law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Welch'.

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