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Dear Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Initiative 2008 Partner:

On December 5, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton, Joe Lieberman, Lisa Murkowski, Joe Biden and I will be introducing the third annual Senate Resolution declaring February 4 – 8, 2008, National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week, with the intention to pass the resolution prior to December adjournment. As in past years, we will also be asking each Governor and the Mayor of Washington, D.C., for their support of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week 2008. I have included a copy of the Senate Resolution and Dear Colleague, as well as a copy of the current list of 2008 Partners, in which you are included. Thank you very much for your support of this important education and awareness effort.

I encourage your organization and/or agency to utilize the multiple resources available through other partners on this list. Each organization has approached raising awareness of the crime of teen dating violence in its own unique manner. The best unified efforts are those in which organizations network and build on each other's particular expertise and experience.

I will be sending a news release out in early February announcing the week to the media. In my home state of Idaho, there will be teen dating violence week activities in February. My Senate colleagues in this effort and I are hopeful that, like last year, a number of governors and Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenti will promote events and recognition in their respective states and political jurisdictions. You can help us in these efforts by encouraging your U.S. Senators to join the Resolution before the Senate adjourns, and encouraging your governors and state legislators to publicize the Week in February. If you would like to send me a statement of support for this year's awareness effort, I encourage you to do so, and I will post it on my Teen Dating Violence media page. Please visit my website and the pages dedicated to this effort: [http://crapo.senate.gov/issues/teen\\_dating\\_violence.cfm](http://crapo.senate.gov/issues/teen_dating_violence.cfm)

Thank you again for your diligent and persistent support in the national effort to raise awareness about the oft-hidden tragedy of teen dating violence that includes both physical and emotional abuse. Our teens today will be parents tomorrow. It is our responsibility to help them understand what constitutes healthy relationships. It is said that family violence is a cycle; children indeed learn what they live. Let's work together to stop the cycle of interpersonal violence today, before destructive attitudes and behavior engulf yet another generation of Americans.

Respectfully,



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