

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

## TAKE A STAND AGAINST TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

November 13, 2007

Dear Colleague:

- Did you know that one in three female teens in a dating relationship report having feared for their safety?
- Did you know that 30% of teens in a dating relationship have been text-messaged 10, 20, or 30 times an hour by a partner finding out where they are, what they are doing or who they are with?
- Did you know that one in five teens in a serious relationship report having been hit, slapped or pushed by a partner?
- Did you know that one in four girls in a relationship report having been pressured to go further sexually than they really wanted?

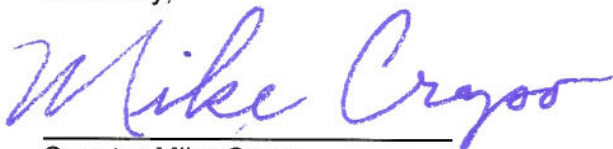
The crime of teen dating violence, including physical, emotional and sexual assault, and harassment via texting, email or Instant Messaging is a cruel reality for many American teenagers. Like drug abuse, it's a reality of which many parents are unaware.

The Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Initiative was spearheaded by teenagers across the nation who chose to take a stand against teen dating violence. Initiated in 2004 by the American Bar Association and now supported by dozens of national, state and local organizations, the call to end teen dating violence was formally recognized in 2006 and 2007 when both Houses of Congress declared the first week in February, "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week." A number of governors called for statewide recognition of the week both years and local schools and organizations nationwide were also involved.

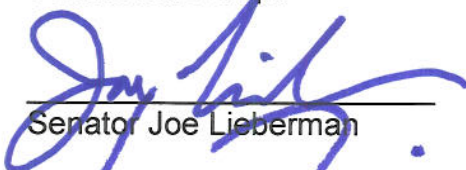
We will be introducing a resolution calling for February 4 - 8, 2008, to be designated "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week." As in previous years, the resolution will call on government representatives and agencies, private organizations and public officials to promote activities in their respective communities that raise awareness of the high incidence of teen dating violence that occurs among our teens every day, as well as prevention strategies.

Please join us in co-sponsoring this resolution, thereby taking a meaningful stand against teen dating violence. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Thurston Goodroe in Senator Crapo's office at 4-7500. The deadline for co-sponsorship is Tuesday, November 20, 2007.


Sincerely,



Senator Mike Crapo



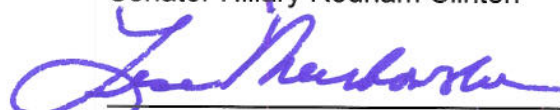
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