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The Hon. Robert Goodlatte, Chairman  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers, Jr.,

We, the undersigned groups, representing a broad cross section of the criminal justice and victim advocacy communities, respectfully request your support for H.R. 4602, the *Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016* (introduced by Reps. Poe and Costa). This bipartisan legislation builds on the *Justice for All Act* to improve the criminal justice system, help victims and exonerate the innocent.

H.R. 4602 strengthens victims' rights and programs by increasing access to restitution and reauthorizing victim notification grants, as well as renewing the program to provide legal help to victims.

The act improves the use of DNA to provide justice to more victims, by supporting work to reduce the rape kit backlog, assisting law enforcement in auditing backlogged cases, and expanding the use of sexual assault nurse examiners in underserved communities. It also works to make sure DNA protects the innocent by improving access to post-conviction DNA testing.

Additionally, the bill works to improve the administration of criminal justice programs by requiring the Justice Department to assist state and local government to improve their indigent defense systems. It also strengthens the *Prison Rape Elimination Act* by improving accountability measures to ensure states enact rape reduction policies as quickly as possible and protecting VAWA funding streams that are critical to their crime prevention and victim support efforts.

Because this bill has tremendous potential to improve victims' access to justice, support law enforcement, exonerate the innocent, and strengthen and improve the criminal justice system, we urge the committee to bring this bill up for timely consideration and passage.

Sincerely,

Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center  
H-E-A-R-T, Inc.  
Joyful Heart Foundation

Just Detention International  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Center for Victims of Crime  
National Children's Alliance  
National Criminal Justice Association  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)