

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Senator Dole:

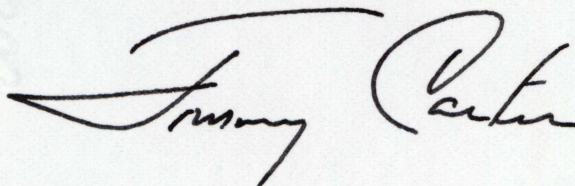
Shortly the Senate is expected to vote on S. 1843, which would provide Federal support for the prevention of domestic violence and assistance to victims of such abuse. The House has already passed its version of the bill. I urge the Senate to do likewise.

There are few acts more tragic than those involving physical violence within families. I have taken administrative steps to seek remedies for this growing national problem and relief for those who suffer its consequences. But further Federal action is necessary to assist in providing direct and immediate refuge to victims and to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Act would help to provide needed services effectively and sensitively, with emphasis on state and local participation.

I urge you to support the domestic violence prevention and victims' assistance provisions of S. 1843 when they reach the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510