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Congresswoman Matsui Statement on Senate Passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), vice-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues, issued the following statement on the Senate passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013:

“I am pleased that the Senate passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. Far too many women continue to live in fear in their own homes, at work and walking down the street. It is essential for these women, and all past and future victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, that we strengthen and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.

“With the Senate’s passage of this important legislation the impetus is on the House to act. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to protect all women – regardless of race or sexual orientation – by passing this comprehensive reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.”

The bipartisan Senate-passed bill significantly strengthens the ability of the federal government, states, law enforcement, and service providers to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. It also includes provisions to ensure that all victims of domestic violence receive the protection they need, including providing new protections for tribal members, immigrants and members of the LGBT community.

Congresswoman Matsui is an original cosponsor of H.R. 11, the House companion legislation that was introduced last month and authored by Representatives Gwen Moore (WI-04) and

John Conyers (MI-13). H.R. 11 currently has 194 Democratic cosponsors.

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