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Someone is seriously mistaken; or, deceiving you

Senator Leahy, sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, said VAWA "*will protect all victims of domestic and sexual violence*".

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women emailed that Leahy's bill would improve VAWA programs and *strengthen protections for all victims of violence*.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence publishes the *National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs*, a four pound behemoth listing over a thousand programs.

Each entry provides information about the people served and the services provided, including the "Age limit for males". There is no age limit section for females.

Many programs leave the age for males space blank or list "NONE." Others show "7", "13", "17" and even "18" years of age. Valley Oasis in Lancaster, CA. is one of the few programs in the country that provide emergency shelter services to male victims. It appears they were not included in the directory.

The directory irrefutably establishes that service providers don't even make an effort to "protect *all* victims of domestic and sexual violence, especially males.

Supporters of S.47 wrongly believe VAWA protects all domestic violence and sexual assault victims; or, hidden agendas rule with no concern for men and boys.

Last week, in a landmark case, the Supreme Court of Maine ruled that providing DV services for women but not men is unconstitutional. You should read the case before supporting S.47.

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