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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! We wish to thank you for your support of ASISTA's national leadership in defending and enhancing the rights of immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual assault.

**ASISTA needs your assistance more than ever in this new political environment.**

- As we have done in the past, we will bring together leaders from diverse communities to plan a coordinated response to anticipated attacks on immigrants, women, and the immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence for whom we advocate.
- We will continue to lead efforts to ensure the laws Congress already has passed are implemented to help survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- We will work with our allies to anticipate and challenge legislative attacks.
- Because we refuse to be silent in the face of explicit racism, misogyny and bigotry, replacing our government funding will be vital to ensuring we can continue our leadership in the next few years.

Examples of our leadership in ongoing systems change work:

- The government announced that it would adopt the "parole" policy we had suggested to them to help crime victims reunite with their children stranded abroad. We will work to ensure it is implemented during the current Administration.
- We are organizing a national litigation strategy that encourages the government to grant work authorization to crime victims who have been waiting for over two years to get their cases reviewed. We are involving law enforcement, domestic and sexual assault advocates, and attorneys in this innovative approach to litigation, featuring numerous lawsuits filed in many locations around the country.

ASISTA's goal is to provide national leadership, advocacy, training, and technical assistance to those working with crime survivors seeking secure immigration status, especially those who have suffered gender-based violence.

Some examples of how our work helps attorneys and advocates helping immigrant survivors of violence:

*"Just wanted to let you know that the years long pending battered spouse case I had was APPROVED today!! Thank you SO much for helping to get it unstuck. The client will be thrilled. This made our day!!". ~Melissa, Catholic Charities*

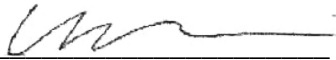
*"Your emails are POWERFUL! Thank you all so very much for everything you do, it makes a huge difference! Thank you!!" ~ Vanessa Frank, private practice*

Please consider a gift to support our social change work, building a brighter future for immigrant women and children. We could not do this work without your help!

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Thank you and Happy Holidays!



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