

# CHOOSE respect

Empowering victims and ending the culture of violence.



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## S.1076, The Choose Respect Act

INTRODUCED WITH SENATOR KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NY)

**Day Designation:** Establishing October 1<sup>st</sup> of every year (during Domestic Violence Awareness Month) as "Choose Respect Day."

**Public Service Campaign:** Directing the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to fund and oversee a broad media campaign directed at young men and focused on changing the cultural acceptance of violence.

**Semi-Postal Stamp:** Created to promote awareness and to fund DVSA programs, including the *Choose Respect* ad campaign.

**CDC "Choose Respect" Initiative:** Reimplementing the CDC's 2006 national initiative, including printed materials, videos, and PSAs, encouraging healthy relationships among high school students.

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## S.1959, The Ensuring Representation for Survivors Act

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**Expanding Legal Representation for Survivors of DV/SA:** Expands and improves the Legal Assistance for Victims grant program, managed by the Office on Violence Against Women, to allow all States to receive and distribute a designated percentage of total grant funding for advocacy efforts, including through pro bono representation, for legal needs that arise directly from a survivor's victimization including: asserting rights during prosecution of an abuser, obtaining a protective order, and support in related civil proceedings, like divorce, custody, housing, or health care.



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## S.2397, The E-SERVICE Act

The Electronic Service for Effectiveness, Reduction of Violence, and Improved Court Efficiency (E-SERVICE) Act

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**E-Service of Protective Orders:** Authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice to award up to 10 pilot programs to state and tribal courts, offering them the opportunity to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of serving protection orders electronically. The awarded courts will consult with various local stakeholders in developing and implementing the program, including judges, law enforcement, attorneys, technology experts, and victim advocates. The courts are required to report to Congress on the effectiveness, technology utilized, due process concerns, and best practices that could be considered for nationwide implementation.



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