



Dear Alaskan,

My fight to raise awareness and combat sexual assault and domestic violence began when I was Alaska's attorney general over 10 years ago, and remains a top priority for me as your U.S. Senator. Such abuse saps our creativity and our energy. It leaves deep, permanent scars across generations. We will never realize our true potential as a state or a nation if we don't work together to put an end to this abuse.

In Washington D.C., I've introduced and co-sponsored several laws that spread awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence, help victims and survivors receive more resources as well as pro bono legal representation, protect people from harassment at their workplace, and keep our children from being lured into sex trafficking.

Although we have come a long way, we still have much to do. Please do not hesitate to share your suggestions and feedback with me as we strive to make our communities safer for all.

**U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan**

## Serving You

I have a team of friendly, knowledgeable representatives who have a track-record of resolving significant issues for Alaskans. You and your family deserve a liaison working on your behalf when dealing with a federal agency.

A few examples of agencies we can assist with are: Department of Veterans Affairs, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of State, Housing and Urban Development, Social Security Administration, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Resolving issues with a federal agency can be life-changing.

If you ever have a challenge or issue, I encourage you to reach out to us at any of our regional offices below. We are eager and ready to help.

Never forget, **we work for you.**

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# ADVOCATING FOR Survivors & Victims OF VIOLENCE

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# Protecting Victims & Survivors

PROGRESS IN WASHINGTON, DC

## Securing Legal Services for Survivors

There are no simple solutions to combat domestic violence and sexual assault, but experts agree that securing a lawyer is the best way for victims and survivors to get out of their situation, and to get them shelter, housing and medical care. But too often lawyers are unaffordable. That's why I authored a bill that was signed by President Trump last September—the *Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act*— that will help enlist an army of lawyers to provide services for victims, free of cost. This bill empowers survivors of domestic violence, encourages community engagement, and helps lift victims out of the cycle of violence.

## Increasing Law Enforcement in Rural Alaska

I was pleased to host U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr for a trip to Alaska in May 2019. In roundtables with federal, state and local law enforcement, victims' rights advocates, and community leaders in Anchorage, as well as in his travels to rural Alaska, General Barr heard about our serious public safety and law enforcement challenges. As a result of his trip, he declared a law enforcement emergency in rural Alaska and \$10 million was made available to the state to support the critical law enforcement needs of rural communities, including victim services, more village public safety, and the addition of 20 to 30 more law enforcement officers.

## Standing Up for Victims

After hearing of systemic assault and harassment towards women who worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), I was shocked that no policy existed at the agency to protect employees from sexual harassment and assault. So, working together with NOAA and with victims' rights groups, I crafted a law that the agency implemented with new regulations and policies that protect employees.

## Keeping Our Children Safe From Trafficking

As sex trafficking moves from the street corner to the smart phone, people with evil intentions are increasingly wreaking havoc, ruining lives, and luring our children into tragedy. To address this horrific reality, I co-sponsored the *Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA)*. This act ensures that websites and other institutions that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking are held accountable for their actions. It also provides much needed resources to prosecutors and others working on the frontlines to prevent child trafficking.

## Ensuring Criminals Are Prosecuted

One of the first laws I was able to pass as your U.S. Senator was part of a larger human trafficking bill, mandating that federal prosecutors work with state officials to prosecute criminals who traffic children across state borders. As the result of the *Mann Act Cooperation Act*, state prosecutors now have more resources in the battle against trafficking our kids.

## Protecting Those Who Protect Us

Throughout my 25-year career as a Marine Corps officer, I have worked hard to ensure zero tolerance for sexual abuse in my ranks. In the Senate, I am leveraging my experience with this issue in my seat on the Senate Armed Services Committee. In multiple *National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA)* throughout the years, I have supported numerous measures to increase reporting of these crimes, improve prosecution, decrease retaliation, and, importantly, protect victims. To name some recent examples, I cosponsored the *Military Special Victims Protection Act of 2019*, which increases support for victims of military sexual assault and domestic violence and expands oversight over the prosecution of these crimes. I also cosponsored a provision of this year's NDAA that establishes a Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct.

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## Bringing Choose Respect to the Nation

When I was Alaska's attorney general, we spearheaded the Choose Respect initiative that brought more attention and resources to combatting sexual assault and domestic violence. Now, I'm taking that effort to the nation. The national Choose Respect initiative includes three critical legislative components:

- **Guaranteed Legal Representation:** Currently, if you're an offender, you have a right to a lawyer, paid for by the government. The victim gets nothing. This initiative creates a statutory right to counsel for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault.
- **Public Awareness Campaign:** The Department of Justice and Centers for Disease Control will launch a comprehensive media campaign focused on changing the broader culture around the mistreatment of women. I introduced this bipartisan piece of the initiative in early April.
- **Targeted Judicial Enhancements:** The Office of Violence Against Women will develop a pilot program that allows court orders to be delivered electronically. This will ensure that even more perpetrators are unable to evade orders.

