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Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
Office of the Attorney General  
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**Re : Family-Friendly Budget Cutting Suggestions  
for Wasteful Programs at DOJ**

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

We and the many additional undersigned organizations are national groups comprised of families—moms, dads, and children. Our combined membership totals hundreds of thousands United States citizens, and we promote the interests of all families nationwide. In this environment of federal agency waste-trimming we respectfully write to offer some suggestions about how your department might save billions of dollars in wasteful federal spending—and help millions of families in the process.

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) which administers billions of dollars in grants to state and local public and private entities. In 2016 alone, OVW awarded about \$452,886,693 in grant funds through 25 grant programs purporting to address domestic violence, sexual assault, and various domestic crimes.

Despite that OVW claims to be a “law enforcement” agency, it is no such thing. Rather, it is yet another “deep state” federal agency that has “gone rogue” from its original charter. Rather than prevention of domestic crimes, since 1994 OVW has administered grant programs absorbing *billions* of dollars budgeted by Congress for critical law enforcement functions such as border control and immigration enforcement, drug and weapons interdiction, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service, and tens of thousands of federal prosecutors and courts. OVW instead diverts funds to state and local entities through grant programs which provide primarily *welfare services* and “training” in feminist ideology which has no appreciable impact on reducing crime.

Far from supporting law enforcement, the OVW has evolved to become a multi-billion dollar federal government *jobs program* directed to benefit ideologically-intoxicated feminists and their male acolytes friendly to a radical anti-male narrative. OVW grants fund domestic violence related *services*—shelters, “community education” programs which indoctrinate local government officials with sexist anti-male ideology, “victim assistance” programs, and other similar *services*. OVW programs fund social workers, psychiatrists, non-lawyer radical feminist “advocates,” doctors, nurses, civil attorneys, and “training” of local judges and court staff in sexist ideology. OVW grant dollars are spent by such entities on regular “training” conferences—often in luxurious resort locations—which proselytize barely-veiled sexist

ideology and implementation of discriminatory anti-male policies and practices. One recipient of *millions* of dollars in federal funding, Casey Gwinn of San Diego, California-based “Family Justice Center Alliance,” recently proposed using federal funds to install hair and nail salons inside of police stations to serve victims of domestic violence.

Not surprisingly, these anti-male ideologies have a monolithic explanation for all family violence—heterosexual men attempting to exert “power and control” over their female partners, who are cast as “historic victims of male oppression.” Billions in taxpayer dollars administered by OVW grant programs effectively *bribe* cash-starved local courts, family social workers, and law enforcement to abandon longstanding principles of constitutional law enforcement, in favor of radical feminist anti-male practices.

For example, OVW requires grant recipients to adopt a “mandatory arrest” policy, which requires local law enforcement to respond to *every* domestic conflict with immediate incarceration—often precipitating immediate tragic consequences for the entire family. OVW grants require local law enforcement to adopt a policy of arresting the “predominant aggressor”—which is inconsistent with traditional, non-dv, policing policy of arresting the first or more violent aggressor—or *both* partners if equally culpable. The “predominant aggressor” grant condition effectively requires police to arrest the *larger* or *stronger* person in every altercation—which in heterosexual relationships is inevitably the male. *No honest policymaker, activist, or academic—including even feminists--will deny this, yet oddly the sexist and invidiously discriminatory practice continues unabated.*

OVW grants also require dv prosecutors to adopt a “no-drop prosecution” policy—depriving prosecutors of discretion to avoid expensive yet ineffective criminal justice solutions. OVW instead imposes policies contrived in Washington, D.C., based on radical feminist dogma. Local agencies—starved to shore up their own failed budgetary mismanagement—take the “free money” and impose the illegal policies. As a result, OVW and the *thousands* of local grantees it funds have become feminist puppets infested with illegal and immoral sexism.

Highly reputable and accomplished feminist activists and scholars recognize that OVW’s grant conditions are sexist, immoral, illegal, and ineffective. Feminist legal scholars such as Dr. Linda Mills—a highly-accomplished NYU law professor and University Dean—Erin Prizzey—who opened the first battered women’s shelter and hundreds since—and American Enterprise Institute Fellow Christina Hoff Sommers have extensively researched, published, and spoken regarding VAWA. They observe that OVW domestic violence policies were *intended* by their feminist creators to punish heterosexual men for all conflict within a family. If feminism stands for equality between man and woman, then solutions which invariably saddle men with culpability for domestic strife clearly are not feminist—but prejudicial perversions thereof.

Shockingly, even though Congress has been dishing out *billions* of dollars to OVW programs since 1994, *not one* of OVW’s biennial reports has been able to present any evidence that the billions spent have reduced domestic violence. If there is a key question a crime-reduction program must answer, that surely must be: “Is it effective at reducing crime?” The answer OVW has offered in each biennial report since 1994 has been a stunning “We don’t know.” Yet we do know that each year tens of thousands of non-violent heterosexual men are regularly ensnared by sexist OVW grantee policies—resulting in destroyed families, destroyed careers, destroyed psyches, and destroyed lives.

It's time to stop throwing billions of tax dollars into this ineffective—indeed harmful—swamp. The Heritage Foundation has recently estimated that eliminating ineffective OVW grant programs would save taxpayers around **\$4.7 billion** from today through 2025. This hard-cost estimate does not account for billions more in emotional and fiscal loss caused to families ensnared in the ineffective and sexist OVW programs.

There are many modern methods for addressing domestic violence which are not poisoned by sexist ideology. Restorative Justice—practiced by Dr. Linda Mills and others including many among the undersigned—is one such alternative. Other alternatives include Cooperative Family Law, Collaborative Family Law, and state-sponsored professional mediation. Where serious crimes are involved, traditional, gender-neutral community-based policing and prosecution remains available and at least as effective as sexist “one-size-fits-all” policies contrived in Washington, D.C. Such methods do not require new, bloated government agencies to administer. They do not require invasive and expensive criminal justice interventions. They do not destroy innocent lives. They are known to be *just as effective* at preventing violence. Yet despite OVW’s charter mission to reduce domestic violence, the agency shuns these viable, inexpensive alternatives for the single reason that they do not adopt OVW’s anti-male prejudice.

Thank you for your attention, and congratulations on your successful appointment. As families, we share your values of integrity, peaceful family cohesion, and independence from intrusive federal government interference. Families are our core and future—yet under OVW programs, family members encountering domestic strife are commonly treated worse than violent street thugs. Our organizations strive to *support* struggling families within our respective communities—not judge them. We hope you will join us.

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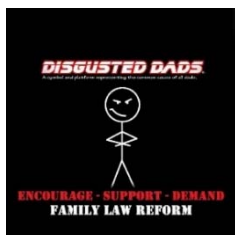
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