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Dear Supporters,

Since the historic February 15th filing of a [federal lawsuit](#) against Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Donald Rumsfeld, SWAN has received an overwhelming response from government officials, the media, everyday Americans, and several hundred military rape and sexual assault survivors across the country. In the last two weeks, we received over 160 inquiries from survivors requesting urgent helpline and legal assistance. Our dedicated staff is working around the clock to meet this demand.

Since the filing, we have taken three trips to Capitol Hill to speak with interested senators, representatives, and their staff. While we cannot yet give details, SWAN is assisting in the drafting of **unprecedented legislation** that will force the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to finally address this crisis with the sense of urgency our troops and veterans deserve.

SWAN desperately needs your support to keep this momentum going. If you [donate just \\$16](#), one dollar for each of the 16 courageous plaintiffs in the current litigation, you will help us help survivors in need, and prevent future abuse of men and women in the military.

Today, SWAN's [change.org petition to end military sexual violence](#) has reached almost 15,000 signatures! Our goal is to reach 100,000 signatures. If you haven't already, please take one minute to sign the petition, **forward the petition to 5 of your friends**, and lend your voice to this movement. This petition will go straight to the policymakers in DC who can put an end to this crisis.

We need to show Congress that Americans simply won't stand for abuse of our troops.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

In service,

Anu, Greg, Emily, Marlisa, Brittany, Danielle, and Liz

**Donate Now**

SWAN is a 501(c)3 organization that urgently needs your financial support. Your tax deductible donation will help SWAN ensure equality, fairness, and justice for women in the military and dramatically improve resources for women veterans.

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