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Dear Supporters,

We are making history.

Just two months ago, after a federal lawsuit was filed by Burke, PLLC on behalf of 16 military rape survivors, our lives dramatically changed. One of the first members of Congress to reach out personally to SWAN was Representative Jackie Speier. She wanted to understand why sexual assault was so pervasive, and wanted to do something real for our survivors. After sitting with us, she enthusiastically offered to give a weekly speech about the military rape crisis on the House Floor. I handed her my personal copy of the lawsuit, saying that there would be nothing more persuasive or compelling than sharing the horrific sacrifices made by these 16 courageous servicemembers and veterans.

Yesterday, Rep Speier gave her first of a series of speeches on the House Floor to hold her colleagues in Congress accountable for fixing this crisis. It is one of the most powerful public declarations of how little our military and congressional leadership have done when it comes to protecting our nation's finest. Rep Speier is a true warrior, and we thank her for her service.

Yours,

Anu Bhagwati
Executive Director

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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.

SWAN's vision is to transform military culture by securing equal opportunity and the freedom to serve in uniform without threat of harassment, discrimination, intimidation or assault. SWAN also seeks to reform veterans' services on a national scale to guarantee equal access to quality health care, benefits and resources for women veterans and their families. You can find the Service Women's Action Network on [The Web](#), on [Twitter](#), or on [Facebook](#).



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