

Weekly GOP Radio Address: Sen. Jacque advocates for survivors, ending domestic violence

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Stand with Survivors, End Domestic Violence

This is State Senator André Jacque from Northeast Wisconsin. As a Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence Legislative Champion, I'm proud to advocate for survivors of abuse. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and with the current challenges in our communities there's a lot left to do to prevent further abuse and protect victim's rights, as we remember the many lives lost to domestic violence year after year.

As a longtime member of Wisconsin's Council on Domestic Abuse, I'm proud of our progress in strengthening restraining orders, prosecuting perpetrators of violence more effectively, and enhancing victim services to make it easier to seek help. These measures have enjoyed strong, bi-partisan support, and I and several colleagues plan to reintroduce legislation to assist with each of these areas in the upcoming session.

The heightened stress, anxiety, social isolation and economic impacts caused by COVID-19 have caused domestic violence cases to spike worldwide, with victims

confined with violent partners and separated from support. For many domestic abuse survivors, home is not a safe place.

If you or someone you know are being abused, know that domestic abuse service providers remain open, and call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit endabusewi.org to find a local shelter where you can go and get help. Again, the phone number is 1-800-799-SAFE or go to endabusewi.org. If you are in immediate danger, please dial 911.

Thank you for everything that you will do to stand with survivors and end domestic abuse.