

**Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Appropriations Bill**

Offered by Mr. Quigley of Chicago

In the bill, page 43, line 24, strike “640,500,000,” and insert “740,500,000”.

In the report, page 62, after the paragraph entitled “Set-Aside for OIG Audits”, insert the following new paragraph:

Prohibiting the Consolidation of the Office of Violence Against Women.— The Committee reinforces and reminds the Department that “the Office on Violence Against Women shall be a separate and distinct office within the Department of Justice, not subsumed by any other office, headed by a Director, who shall report to the Attorney General and serve as Counsel to the Attorney General on the subject of violence against women, and who shall have final authority over all grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Office” according to 34 U.S.C. § 10442.

What this amendment does:

- **Adds \$100M to the Office of Violence Against Women** to recuperate cuts to programs including:
 - The Transitional Housing Program is \$5M less than in years past.
 - Legal assistance for victims is \$15M less.
 - \$2M less for training and services to end violence against women in later life.
 - Major cuts to services and research for Tribal nations.
 - Complete cuts to programs for underserved populations.

- And it **adds report language reminding the administration that the Office of Violence Against Women is statutorily required to be a separate and distinct office.** The administration has previously suggested incorporating OVW's grantmaking components into the larger Office of Justice Programs.