

SURVIVOR JUSTICE ACTION

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Domestic Violence Survivors Launch Only Survivor-Led 501c4 Advocacy Organization in the Country

The announcement comes ahead of the Rahimi Supreme Court case, which could allow people subject to domestic violence protection orders to access guns.

Oct. 30, 2023 – Today, the **National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline)** and the former CEO of the **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence** announce the launch of [Survivor Justice Action](#), the nation's only survivor-led 501c4 advocacy organization in the country. The announcement comes on the brink of oral arguments in the Supreme Court case, *US v. Rahimi*, which could eliminate one of the few protections available for survivors—allowing abusers subject to protection orders to have access to firearms.

Domestic violence is an urgent public health crisis that **threatens 12 million lives every year. One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime.** Despite being one of most intersectional issues of our time—overlapping with everything from reproductive rights, gun violence prevention, racial and economic justice—there have been few marches or uproarious calls for justice for domestic violence survivors. Until now.

“Today we launch Survivor Justice Action and the megaphone survivors need in a society that has been determined to ignore them,” said Ruth Glenn, President of Survivor Justice Action, formerly CEO of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. **“Direct service organizations are the heart of this movement, but they are often underfunded and under-resourced. We will not only partner with those on the ground to ensure protections for survivors, we will dismantle the conditions that allow domestic violence to flourish in the first place. Together, we will not stop until domestic violence does.”**

Survivor Justice Action is the nation's **only survivor-led** 501c4 advocacy organization dedicated to ending domestic violence (DV) in the United States. SJA will work to establish a national ecosystem of holistic and inclusive support, policies, education, and resources for survivors of domestic violence, the advocates who work closely with them and those creating laws and legislation related to DV.

Survivor Justice Action works to **increase survivors' access to the democratic process by removing their barriers to the ballot box and identifying, training, and supporting survivors running for office.** Through Survivor Justice Action, survivors will **reject policies** that strip them of their rights and protections and be at the forefront of efforts to **develop new policies** that address the overlapping root causes of domestic violence.

Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which provides 24/7 services, essential tools and support to help survivors of domestic violence so they can live their lives free of abuse, expressed enthusiasm for the new organization and its unique role in the field.

“The Hotline shifts power back to each and every survivor we work with, but the reality is that domestic violence is not an individual problem.” said Ray-Jones. **“Even as survivors plan for their safety and leave abusive situations, they confront social and political systems that replicate,**

perpetuate and reinforce the control and coercion they experience in their personal lives. Domestic violence is a systemic problem, and Survivor Justice *Action* is our best hope of really addressing the root causes that keep it alive.”

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence has been supporting survivors, holding offenders accountable and supporting advocates since 1978. In 2022, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence merged with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. To ensure the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's history and legacy of strong advocacy continued, Survivor Justice *Action*, a new 501c4 advocacy organization was created. The National Domestic Violence Hotline remains a 501c3 nonprofit providing essential tools and support to help survivors of domestic violence so they can live their lives free of abuse.

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Survivor Justice Action is a national 501c4 nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Survivor Justice Action engages in educational and advocacy activity, including grassroots organizing, legislative advocacy, candidate support, and voter education.

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