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Jaime Harrison calls on Senate to reauthorize VAWA

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Yesterday, the House stood up for women again and voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. However, many Republicans voted against the extension because the bill includes new provisions that would make it harder for convicted domestic abusers to gain access to guns. To these Republicans, protecting the NRA's priorities is more important than protecting women in danger.

It will be no surprise that Lindsey Graham will join his colleagues and fall in line behind the NRA. He has consistently voted against protecting women even when VAWA has passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers. Senator Graham votes with the NRA knowing that South Carolina has spent two decades ranked near the top of the list of deadliest states for women. And guns have been responsible for seven out of ten of these deaths.

When given the opportunity to show his support to the women in this state, Senator Graham uses his power and status to give impassioned pleas on behalf of Brett Kavanaugh. He forgot that the people back home sent him to Washington to fight for their rights—not to protect special interests and donors. It's time to put an actual public servant back in the Senate.

About Jaime Harrison

Jaime Harrison formed an exploratory committee to run for U.S. Senate in 2020 against incumbent Lindsey Graham. Harrison currently serves as associate chair and counselor of the Democratic National Committee. A native of Orangeburg, S.C. he has previously served as the South Carolina Democratic Party's first African-American chair, where he launched programs such as the South Carolina Democrats Care community service initiative and the James E. Clyburn Political Fellowship for training future public servants. He was also instrumental in establishing the Palmetto State as the home to the First in the South primary. Harrison lives in Columbia, S.C. with his family. Learn more at www.jaimeharrison.com

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