A Call to Action: Holding Society Accountable for Intimate Partner Violence

The #1 obstacle to safety for survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) is financial insecurity. This means that we cannot disrupt the cycle of IPV in the United States until we address the systemic financial insecurity that survivors face and the structural exclusion of survivors from wealth building.

Intimate partner violence is a systemic economic problem with economic causes and economic consequences.

41.2% of Black women experience IPV

Up to 60% of Native American women experience IPV

61% of bisexual women experience IPV

84% of survivors report that not having enough money is their biggest barrier to safety

On average, survivors have only $452 to spend as they see fit

At least 52% of survivors are subjected to coerced or fraudulent debt

Our society’s institutions fail to support survivors

Financial Institutions

48% of survivors do not have safe access to their bank account

Employers

60% of survivors lose their job as a result of IPV

Religious Organizations

41% of survivors received no or unhelpful support from a religious organization

Health Insurance Companies

On average, survivors have $19,851 in healthcare costs related to IPV

Federal and State Governments

Only 2 states currently support survivor’s financial security
OUR VISION

Survivors are able to protect their financial security and build the wealth necessary to ensure their individual, community and intergenerational healing and thriving.

OUR SOLUTION

FreeFrom is building an ecosystem of long-term support with and for survivors that calls on their banks, health providers, employers, and religious organizations to do their part to disrupt IPV. We are reframing our society’s understanding of IPV as a structural economic issue through federal and state laws. And, we are creating spaces in which survivors can grow economic power.

OUR STRATEGY

- Educate institutions by using data from survivors to develop and disseminate sector-specific recommendations
- Support institutions with training and resources as they work to implement our guidelines
- Create institutional action by educating lawmakers, building momentum and drafting legislation
- Leverage strategic partnerships and catalyze public pressure to compel institutional action

Everyone Has A Part To Play

Your Investment in Action

$1MM
Survivors will be able to open safe and protected bank accounts and increase their savings to ensure long-term safety

$5MM
Survivors will have access to paid and protected leave from work and can heal without accumulating debt through expanded health insurance coverage

$10MM
Laws in all 50 states will prioritize survivors’ financial security and safety, making it easier, for example, for survivors to secure their housing situation

FREEFROM IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO LEAD THIS TRANSFORMATION

A Survivor-led Movement
We are working with a network of over 5,000+ survivors from all 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico.

Our Stakeholders
Invested stakeholders include the White House, CFPB, members of congress, 9 states, 4 cities and over 30 corporate partners.

Our Team
As a team of queer, im/migrant, and BIPOC survivors, FreeFrom’s work is focused on supporting all these communities to which we belong.

Our Impact to Date
The Biden Administration used our data to pledge $5 billion in direct cash assistance for survivors.

Over $3MM given directly to survivors through direct cash assistance and our social enterprise.

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