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I support this measure. I work as an advocate of DV and expanding and ongoing funding is vital to helping survivors and their children to find safety and make lasting change for future generations. 12 years ago me and my 4 kids left an abusive situation and we had to flee to a DV shelter. It was with that shelters support and guidance I was able to make lasting change for myself and my kids. I feel lucky that I now get to walk beside survivors in similar situations. The financial support I received was a huge help in getting my family out from under my abuser and self sufficient. When we don't have the funding we need its like trying to do my job with my hands tied behind my back. I support this measure and hope you do too.