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February 25, 1974

The Honorable Edward Gurney
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gurney:

I believe you will be pleased to know that, as of March 1, 1974, the city of Jacksonville, Florida, will have a functioning Rape Crisis Center. I am writing to you on behalf of my client, the Women's Rape Crisis Center, seeking your aid in obtaining funding for this important project.

The Women's Rape Crisis Center will greatly benefit our Jacksonville community, as such centers do in other forwardlooking cities. Rape Crisis personnel help law enforcement officers combat crime in our cities, by helping rape victims understand how to help the police help them, and by doing the time-consuming support and referral work the police have heretofore been forced to assume. A Rape Crisis Center is a worthwhile occasion for new monies to come into Florida, that will, among other benefits, create jobs for up to fifty persons.

This bi-racial effort has the endorsement and/or involvement of a cross-section of community groups; among them: YWCA, Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention, Inc., Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, NAACP, and the Jacksonville Women's Political Caucus. Thus, besides the direct assistance the program gives to Jacksonville's women and children, it will also have the ripple effects of promoting harmony between diverse segments of our community; of improving race relations, and, most importantly, of making our streets and our city a safer and better place to live in. The impact of the Women's Rape Crisis Center will be felt throughout the entire community.

We understand that Senate Bill 2422 would establish a National Center for the Prevention and Control of rape and a \$10,000,000 funding level. If the bill has been passed, how do we apply for funds? (If it has not passed, we hope you will support it by co-sponsoring the bill.) Can you inform us of other funding sources (federal or

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other) for this worthwhile project in Jacksonville? Funding will ensure the Center's effective operation on a continuing basis.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vicki Wengrow
Community Liaison Consultants

cc: Women's Rape Crisis Center