

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Take Action Against the Murders of Young Women in Mexico
Cosponsor Bipartisan H.Res.466

Dear Colleague:

Since 1993 over 300 women have been murdered in the border city of Ciudad Juárez and further south in Chihuahua, Mexico. These women have been kidnapped on their way to work and school and have been found beside roads or in dumpsites, and many of their bodies have exhibited signs of extreme violence and brutality. The women in these areas have lived in fear of ending up a victim of these horrible crimes for more than a decade.

It is time for us to bring attention to this very serious and very disturbing situation. Please join us in voicing our concern over these unsolved killings and commitment to ensure something is done to bring an end to these violent crimes being committed against the daughters, sisters and mothers of Ciudad Juárez by cosponsoring H.Res.466.

H.Res.466:

- Condemns the abductions and murders of young women in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, since 1993
- Expresses the deepest sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women killed
- Urges the President and Secretary of State to request that investigative and preventative efforts become part of the bilateral agenda between the Governments of Mexico and the United States
- Supports multilateral efforts to create a DNA database that would allow families to positively identify the remains of the victims
- Condemns the use of torture as a means of investigation into these crimes
- Encourages the Secretary of State to urge the Government of Mexico to ensure fair and proper judicial proceedings for the individuals accused of these abductions and murders.

For more information or to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Cristina Villarreal with Congresswoman Solis at x55464 or Javier Martinez with Congressman Reyes at x54831.

Sincerely,



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