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Hi Chair Grad,

I hope this finds you well. Thank you so much for your support of Anna and Start By Believing Day today! I wanted to pass along a quick note to let you know that the Network is in full support of S. 140. We didn't testify in the Senate but I sent a note of support to that committee as well. We believe that this bill will positively increase access to protection orders for individuals who would otherwise be concerned about access court protections due to their immigration status. Happy to write up something more formal if you prefer as well!

Many thanks, Jessica

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