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Nancy Pelosi is attempting to hijack a program that has provided grants for the protection of abused women and girls since 1994 in order to enact more of her socialist agenda. Conservatives oppose the liberal wish-list that has been added to the House-passed Violence Against Women Act (H.R. 1585) and urge the Senate not to negotiate on the basis of it.

H.R.1585 is one of the biggest efforts to date by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to set a leftist marker on economic policy, on social policy, and on gun policy all in one bill. It's an act of immense political overreach.

The House-passed VAWA bill would dramatically increase unemployment insurance and thus impose an enormous tax on employers that would result in a loss of jobs. The bill would force shelters to house any male who self-identifies as a woman with women and girls who are victims of sexual assault and abuse. This not only violates the privacy and safety rights of vulnerable women and girls, but also discriminates against shelters run by religious individuals or organizations. The House Democrats' bill would also allow gun owners to be stripped of their constitutional rights without due process.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) is attempting to persuade Senate Republicans to negotiate on the basis of the House text, which includes this wish-list of liberal priorities. Congress should focus on protecting vulnerable women rather than engaging in partisan special interest politics and policies that may actually harm these women.

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