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## Experts Available: Violence Against Women Act

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The House is scheduled to vote today on a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. And the bill contains a new provision that would increase law enforcement's ability to strip domestic abusers of their guns -- a provision that has led to a fierce debate among lawmakers. If you're looking for expert input, [Sierra Smucker](#) is available to comment.

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*"By narrowly defining what counts as an intimate relationship, current regulation does not protect a significant number of individuals who have never been married, lived with, or had a child with the person abusing them. It is critical that loopholes in existing gun regulation are closed so that law enforcement can protect all people threatened by intimate partner violence, not just those whose situation fits a specific definition."*