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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Marc Angelucci,

I am writing to strongly support your efforts to establish a Task Force, which will facilitate efforts to obtain funds for the treatment of male victims of domestic and partner violence. As you know I have been researching the area of male victimization for a number of years. In 1997 I published an annotated bibliography entitled, "References examining assaults by women on their spouses or male partners," in the highly respected and refereed journal, Sexuality and Culture. This article examined 85 scholarly investigations, which demonstrated that women were as physically aggressive as men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners. I have continued my research and the current bibliography now contains 122 studies with an aggregate sample size in the reviewed empirical studies of over 76,000.

A number of the studies cited are large-scale representative sample investigations which demonstrate the phenomenon of male victimization across the country and among a broad spectrum of the male population. I might also mention that a number investigations are international in scope and reveal a similar pattern of male abuse in Great Britain, Canada, Australia as well as other countries.

One investigator, John Archer last year published a meta-analysis of aggression between heterosexual partners in the prestigious journal Psychological Bulletin. He concludes that, women were more likely than men to "use one or more acts of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently." With regard to the important area of injuries, Archer, after reviewing all relevant published studies found that both men and women were subject to serious physical injuries by their partners. Among those seriously injured 62% were women and 38% were men.

I trust this information is helpful in your efforts to bring the issue of male victimization to public attention and remedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin S. Fiebert".

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