

Savanna's Law – State Ambassador Action Guide

Purpose of the Ambassador Role

State ambassadors help educate and elevate the urgency and importance of Savanna's Law by ensuring legislators are aware of the issue and its relevance to their state. Ambassadors are not expected to draft legislation, lobby aggressively, or manage the legislative process.

What Is Savanna's Law?

Savanna's Law was enacted in Tennessee and takes effect January 1, 2026. It establishes the nation's first registry for persistent domestic violence offenders and is named in honor of Deputy Savanna Puckett, who was murdered by an ex-boyfriend in 2022. The intent is early intervention, accountability, and prevention.

Ambassador To-Do List

1. Identify your State Representative and State Senator.
2. Personalize Savanna's Law urgency letter.
3. Send the letter via email or legislative contact form.
4. Record that you sent it.
5. Wait for a response.
6. Respond if contacted.

What You Are Not Expected to Do

Draft bill language, negotiate policy details, or manage committee work.

Optional Involvement

Visit your State Legislator in person

Share educational information about Savanna's Law with friends, family, or others in the community who are interested in public safety and domestic violence prevention.

This Ambassador Action Guide is provided for educational purposes only and does not involve candidate endorsement or political campaigning.

[Date]

Subject: Consideration of Savanna’s Law–Inspired Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name],

My name is [Ambassador Name], and I am a constituent of your district as well as a volunteer with [Organization Name]. I am writing to raise awareness of **Savanna’s Law** and to underscore the importance of considering similar protections for victims of domestic violence in [State].

Savanna’s Law (HB1200) was enacted in Tennessee and became effective on January 1, 2026. This landmark legislation establishes the nation’s first registry for persistent domestic violence offenders. The law is named in honor of Deputy Savanna Puckett, who was tragically murdered in 2022 by an ex-boyfriend with a documented history of violence. Its passage reflects a direct response to gaps in accountability and information-sharing that too often leave victims unprotected.

Across the country, victims experience repeated and escalating acts of domestic violence before meaningful intervention occurs. Savanna’s Law is designed to intervene earlier—before warning signs escalate into irreversible tragedy. As other states begin to examine this approach, [State] has an opportunity to evaluate whether similar safeguards could strengthen victim safety and support law enforcement and judicial decision-making.

I recognize that legislative drafting and introduction require careful analysis and expertise. My purpose in reaching out is to respectfully encourage timely consideration of this issue and to promote dialogue among policymakers best positioned to assess and advance appropriate protections for our state.

Thank you for your continued service and leadership on matters of public safety. I appreciate your time and attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

[Ambassador Name]
[City], [State]
[Organization Name]

[Date]

Subject: Follow-Up: Savanna's Law and Public Safety Considerations for [State]

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully follow up on my correspondence of [date] regarding Savanna's Law and its relevance to public safety and victim protection in [State].

I recognize the many demands on your time and appreciate your service. I wanted to briefly reiterate the importance and urgency of ongoing public safety concerns related to domestic violence, particularly as states across the country begin examining similar legislative approaches following Tennessee's enactment of Savanna's Law, which took effect January 1, 2026.

Savanna's Law represents a meaningful step toward improving coordination, accountability, and early intervention in cases involving domestic violence and missing or endangered persons. I believe these considerations are worthy of thoughtful review as [State] continues its commitment to public safety and victim-centered policy.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to provide additional information or serve as a resource should this issue be presented for review.

Respectfully,

[Ambassador Name]

[City], [State]

[Organization Name]

