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Rob Valente is a Policy Consultant for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a member organization of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Ms. Valente has worked on issues such as firearms, federal domestic violence laws and interventions, protection order and child custody laws, confidentiality laws in domestic violence cases, and tribal issues relating to domestic violence. As a Policy Consultant for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, she works with the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence on various pieces of legislation, including each authorization and reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act since 1994. Ms. Valente has served as a consultant on civil legal issues regarding domestic violence for various organizations, including the Alaska Native Women's Coalition, the Battered Women's Justice Project, the Domestic Violence Resource Network, the National Congress of American Indians, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She also served as Attorney Advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and was the founding Director of the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence. In these roles, Ms. Valente has worked to improve legal responses to domestic violence and increase access to justice for all survivors of domestic violence.

In recognition of her service to victims of domestic violence, Ms. Valente received the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence's 2011 Sharon L. Corbitt Award. In 2009, the National Congress of American Indians presented Ms. Valente with the NCAI Public Sector Leadership Award for her work to obtain the legislative authority necessary to bring safety and justice to Native communities.