



Woman Abuse Working Group  
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**For Immediate Press Release**

The Woman Abuse Working Group (WAWG) is organizing a peaceful gathering to take place outside Hamilton Place before Bill Cosby's performance on January 9.

While we question the support of alleged rapists, we are especially concerned about the message this sends to survivors of abuse and violence. We do not want this event to be about Mr. Cosby, we want this gathering to send a strong message to everyone in our community that we believe and stand by survivors.

WAWG believes violence against women in its many forms stems from a global and cultural context of discrimination against women and is supported by the economic, social and political structures of society. This event is an opportunity to open a dialogue in our community about violence against women in the entertainment industry. Many other celebrities have also been accused and yet most continue in their roles with little or no repercussions.

We would like to emphasize that at the gathering we will not tolerate any behaviour that is oppressive. We also ask that those attending the gathering do not heckle those going in. We hope this is an opportunity for everyone in our community to support all victims of violence.

We will gather from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the corner of Main & Summers Lane in front of Hamilton Place.

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