



National Alliance to  
End Sexual Violence

*A NATIONAL VOICE FOR STATE  
AND LOCAL ADVOCATES DEDICATED  
TO ENDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.*

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## NAESV Commends United States Senate on Passage of VAWA

On behalf of 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions, over 1300 rape crisis centers, and the victims these centers serve every day, the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) commends the United States Senate for the passage of S. 47 today--legislation that reauthorizes and strengthens the Violence Against Women Act. "The Senate's action today to pass VAWA sends a strong signal to advocates that our leaders truly care about all victims of violence. We are truly grateful to Senators Leahy and Crapo and each of the 78 Senators that voted for VAWA today," said Monika Johnson Hostler, Board President of NAESV. S. 47 includes a number of new measures to support a stronger criminal justice response to rape and the first-ever public housing protections for victims of sexual assault at the same time reauthorizing both service and prevention programs to effectively address crimes of sexual violence. NAESV urges the House to move swiftly to pass a strong bipartisan VAWA bill that is informed by advocates and protects all victims.