



National Alliance to  
End Sexual Violence

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TO ENDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.*

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## NAESV statement on Congressman Todd Akin's comments on rape and pregnancy

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) rejects comments by Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) that trivialize the experiences of thousands of women and girls in our nation who have become pregnant as a result of rape as well as the devastating impact of all forms of sexual violence on millions of American women, girls, boys, and men. NAESV calls on Congress to stand up for victims of rape by passing the Violence Against Women Act immediately upon their return in September.