



National Alliance to  
End Sexual Violence

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

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## Senate Passes VAWA

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) applauds the Senate for passing the bipartisan Leahy/Crapo VAWA bill today to protect all victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. This week, the Senate conducted thoughtful debate and showed their commitment to seriously addressing these crimes. NAESV board president, Monika Johnson Hostler commented, "On behalf of the 56 state sexual assault coalitions and 1300 community rape crisis centers who provide the frontline response to victims every day, we appreciate provisions that support direct services, improve the criminal justice response to sexual assault, protect victims in public housing, and address the rape kit backlog." "It has been our privilege to work toward passage of VAWA in the Senate with the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women that gathered input from over 2000 advocates from across the nation to inform this legislation," said Terri Poore, Vice President of NAESV. NAESV looks forward to continued collaboration with Congress to see a strong bill passed in the House and VAWA reauthorization legislation enacted.

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