



**National Alliance to
End Sexual Violence**

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**National Alliance to End Sexual Violence Praises the House Appropriations
Committee for Passing Legislation Increasing Investments in the
Violence Against Women Act**

Washington, D.C. – Today, the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) which provides the voice in Washington, DC for the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and 1500 rape crisis centers working to end sexual violence and support survivors, praises the House Appropriations Committee for passing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) and Related Agencies bill. This legislation contains robust funding for critical programs that support survivors and prevent violence in our communities including record-level funding for Violence Against Women Act programs that support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

For survivors of sexual assault, NAESV especially applauds the increase of \$12.5 million for the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) which is the only federal funding stream dedicated to the provision of direct services to victims of sexual violence. Through this program over 40,000 survivors have received services which includes funding for 200 advocates and counselors at local programs in addition to over 60,000 hotline calls being answered.

“NAESV thanks the House Appropriations Committee for passing legislation which makes such critical investments to assist survivors of sexual assault,” said NAESV’s President Monika Hostler. “We would like to especially recognize Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY), chair of the CJS Subcommittee and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), chair of the full Appropriations Committee for championing these issues. This funding is critical to the success of our efforts to ensure all survivors of sexual assault can seek essential services they need. We look forward to working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle as the FY 2020 appropriations process continues.”

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