



National Alliance to
End Sexual Violence

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NAESV Applauds House Passage of Violence Against Women Act

Today, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1620, the bipartisan Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 (VAWA). National Alliance to End Sexual Assault President, Monika Johnson Hostler said:

“On behalf of the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and more than 1500 local programs who provide the frontline response to sexual assault in their communities every day, I want to express the immense gratitude of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) to Chairwoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Chairman Jerrold Nadler, Representative Brian Fitzpatrick and all of the co-sponsors and supporters of H.R. 1620, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women, as we celebrate victory in the House today. Each new VAWA gives us the opportunity to evolve and improve our national response to gender-based violence. The strong, responsive legislation passed by the House today includes investments in the nation’s flagship sexual assault survivor services and prevention programs and prioritizes services and responses to vulnerable survivors and communities. We look forward to the swift passage of this reasonable, essential legislation in the Senate.”

NAESV celebrates provisions in the legislation that fund the involvement of state sexual assault coalitions in prevention work; affirm tribes’ sovereignty to prosecute non-native offenders of sexual assault, child abuse, trafficking and stalking; and important protections for survivors of sexual assault in public housing—a critical part of the safety net for survivors.

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The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and 1500 rape crisis centers working to end sexual violence and support survivors.