



National Alliance to  
End Sexual Violence

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**Statement on Guilty Verdict in Federal Trial Against R. Kelly**

Today, NAESV released the following statement after a federal jury in New York found R. Kelly guilty on charges of racketeering and sex trafficking:

“We're with the survivors who spoke up about R. Kelly and those who felt they couldn't. We're grateful to the Black women activists who refused to let the survivors be silenced and ensured R. Kelly was held accountable. Whether or not they come forward, survivors are paying attention and are impacted by high profile cases. All survivors deserve the kind of accountability they want and the support they need to heal.” –Monika Johnson Hostler, NAESV President

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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.*