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## **NAESV Applauds First-Ever National Strategy on Gender Equality**

Washington, D.C.--Today, the White House Gender Policy Council issued a historic first-ever strategy to address gender equity and equality with a government-wide, intersectional approach. Monika Johnson Hostler, President of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, gave the following statement:

"We're cheering the release of the first-ever, government-wide strategy to comprehensively address gender equity and equality and applaud the plan's intersectional approach. Leadership is key to ending sexual violence, and we're excited to work with the White House Gender Policy Council on the implementation of this strategy, especially on addressing and preventing gender-based violence.

We look forward to more details in the upcoming National Action Plan to Address Gender-Based Violence and to working together to secure the passage of a strong, bipartisan reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. We have an historic opportunity to make sure all people can reach their full potential."

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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.