

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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NAESV Celebrates Senate Introduction of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 And Urges Swift Action!

NAESV applauds Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) for introducing the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 today. This important bill reflects a bipartisan consensus that the government needs to do more to prevent and to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The bill addresses the many needs identified during extensive engagement with the sexual assault field including expanding resources for sexual assault services, prevention, housing, and sexual assault forensic examinations. A summary of the Senate bill can be found here.

"The Senate introduction of the Violence Against Women Act today is the result of tireless and truly bipartisan efforts by so many. We look forward to its final passage in the Senate. When this legislation becomes law, sexual assault survivors from all communities will have more access to healing, justice, housing and healthcare." Monika Johnson Hostler, President

The House of Representatives passed their version of this bill, led by Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), last March. We encourage the Senate to swiftly pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 and send it to the House for a vote.

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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.

TAKE ACTION!

Join us in urging your senators to cosponsor and vote in favor of this bill. Just click <u>here</u> to automatically send an email! You can find social media posts and graphics <u>here</u>.

Sign on letter: In addition to the actions above, please use <u>this form</u> to sign onto this <u>letter</u> in support of the bill.

Please contact Terri Poore (terri@endsexualviolence.org) with any questions.