



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
437 Russell Senate Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) wishes to express our thanks on behalf of the 600,000 graduate and professional students we represent, for your action on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

The Violence Against Women Act is incredibly important for ensuring that our nation's women are safeguarded against the most violent of crimes. Unfortunately, one in five women will experience a sexual assault while at our nation's institutes of higher education. VAWA aims to prevent such crimes by increasing protections for women and implementing measures associated with the Clery Act. By expanding the types of crimes that should be reported under the Clery Act and clarifying reporting mechanisms, our nation's higher education institutions must provide accurate information and resources to America's students. On behalf of America's graduate and professional students, we sincerely thank you for reintroducing VAWA in the 113th Congress and ensuring its success and signing into law.

Please feel free to contact us at any time, should you require graduate and professional students' perspectives on issues or legislation affecting education.

Sincerely,

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