Safer and More Transparent Campuses
Hold Universities Accountable for Student Safety & Well-Being

Graduate students are six times more likely to suffer from anxiety or depression than the general population (1).

Graduate men and women have a 1-in-4 or 1-in-3 chance of being sexually assaulted or harassed while in school (3).

- A Ph.D. student is roughly as likely to experience depression or an anxiety disorder during graduate school as they are to graduate (1,2).
- Federal restrictions on reporting requirements leave the full scope and exact cause of the problem poorly understood.
- Graduate survivors of sexual assault are four to five times more likely to have been assaulted by a faculty, boss, or supervisor at their university than undergraduate survivors (3).
- Sexual harassment or assault is more likely to negatively impact the academic or work environment of a graduate-professional student (3).

What Congress Can Do to Promote Safe and Transparent Campuses

- SUPPORT legislation that offers integrated solutions to campus safety problems
  - (S. 976) Campus Accountability and Safety Act

- AMEND the following legislation to include graduate-level data:
  - (H.R. 3489 / S. 1204) Higher Education Mental Health Act
  - (H.R. 1766 / S. 800) College Transparency Act

- RESPOND to Sec. DeVos’s coming Title IX regulations to ensure safe and transparent campuses.

(3) American Association of Universities (2019). Report on the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct.

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