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National Panhellenic Conference Legislative Agenda

INDIANAPOLIS — As one of the largest organizations advocating for women, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) has a responsibility to be a voice for the issues confronting our more than 4 million members.

NPC leadership has actively participated in the national dialogue surrounding sexual violence and campus safety. Sexual violence is a complex issue, and it is important that we proactively address the contributions and opinions of all those who share in our goal of ensuring women are safe on campus.

Each of our 26 member organizations are equal and operate autonomously, and NPC encourages them to speak on behalf of their membership. Our member organizations and NPC leadership have listened to the groundswell of concern among our members and are refocusing our legislative agenda. To that end, NPC is withdrawing its support of the Safe Campus Act.

We appreciate and respect all members of Congress who are committed to addressing this issue. During the past week, NPC and the North-American Interfraternity Conference met with legislators in both the House and Senate about various pieces of legislation that address campus sexual assault. We were pleased with the opportunity to collaborate and look forward to continued conversations with these dedicated public servants and a variety of other thought leaders.

In the coming months, we will continue to work diligently alongside our member organizations, interfraternal friends, campus partners and members of Congress to find ways to move forward in support of the Fair Campus Act and legislation that:

- Provides unprecedented protections and dedicated campus resources for victims.
- Makes campuses safer by creating opportunities for colleges and universities to suspend students who are under law enforcement investigation for sexual violence.
- Encourages additional conversations and education on campuses to address sexual assault prevention through bystander intervention, risk reduction and social norming.
- Ensures due process rights for organizations to prohibit preemptive group suspension of student organizations.
- Prohibits colleges/universities from naming alumnae volunteers and house directors who support local collegiate chapters as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs).
- Strengthens due process rights for all students by precluding individual college/university officials from playing multiple roles in conduct investigations or hearings and requiring that information be provided in advance to the parties involved in the investigation or hearing.
- Maintains the single-sex status exemption as defined under Title IX.

Going forward, NPC will continue to collaborate with our 26 member organizations to develop programs and policies focused on ending sexual assault and supporting survivors. Care and support for every victim of sexual violence is important and we want each victim to have the opportunity to make the best choice when seeking justice.

We stand ready to work with all to ensure all students feel safe and supported on their college and university campuses.

About the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)

NPC, one of the largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 national and international sororities. NPC sororities are located on more than 670 campuses with 380,565 undergraduate members in 3,234 chapters. Alumnae are represented in 3,889 associations throughout the world. For more information, including a complete list of NPC sororities, visit www.npcwomen.org/ or find NPC on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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