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Cassidy, Casey Introduce END ALL Hazing Act in the U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON—Fraternity and sorority groups along with parents of children who died from acts of hazing applauded the introduction of the Educational Notification and Disclosure of Actions risking Loss of Life by Hazing Act (END ALL Hazing Act) in the U.S. Senate by Senators Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA) and Bob Casey (D-PA). The legislation will provide parents and prospective students with better information about student organizations with histories of hazing incidents in an effort to eliminate hazing nationwide.

The END ALL Hazing Act, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in June by Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio) and Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-Pa), would require colleges and universities to post on their websites incidents of hazing that took place on campus or within a student organization. Providing this information would improve transparency and assist students in making the best choices for their futures.

"A nationwide standard to inform prospective students and parents of hazing infractions increases transparency and accountability. Choosing a college should be based on the best information about academics, cost, post-graduation job prospects and safety. Isn't this what we all want?" said Dr. Cassidy.

"Hazing has absolutely no place in our society or in our schools. I am proud to join Senator Cassidy in introducing the Educational Notification and Disclosure of Actions risking Loss of Life by Hazing Act (END ALL Hazing Act), to provide much needed transparency to students and parents," said Senator Casey. "I am also proud to cosponsor the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act to ensure that these horrific incidents are appropriately reported and that students are educated on the dangers of hazing. I want to express my sincere condolences to the Piazza and Braham families, and thank them for their tireless advocacy to stop hazing on college campuses and prevent other families from losing loved ones."

Tuesday, members of the Anti-Hazing Coalition, which includes fraternity and sorority leaders and parents who have lost sons to hazing, were on Capitol Hill to emphasize the importance of the legislation to members of Congress.

"We are thrilled to see the bipartisan introduction of the END ALL Hazing Act in the Senate, which is critical in the fight to address and stomp out this issue," said Dani Weatherford, CEO of National Panhellenic Conference, and Judson Horras, President and CEO of North American Interfraternity Conference. "We must bring more transparency, accountability and improved safety to all student organizations on campuses nationwide. Our organizations will continue to advocate for this bill to become law and for other solutions that can help bring an end to hazing."

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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 nearly 670 campuses with nearly 400,000 undergraduate members in nearly 3,350 chapters. Alumnae are represented in more than 3,500 associations throughout the world. For more information, including a complete list of NPC sororities, visit npcwomen.org or find NPC on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.