

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Bernie Sanders Chairman Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D. Ranking Member Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Virginia Foxx Chairwoman Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert C. Scott Ranking Member Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Re: Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act

Dear Chairman Sanders, Chairwoman Foxx, Ranking Member Cassidy, and Ranking Member Scott:

As a social entrepreneurship we work with colleges and universities to create safer campuses and believe that modernizing the full name of the Jeanne Clery Act, the primary federal law on this subject, has the potential to help it better achieve its intended goals. Updating the name to be the "Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act" will place the focus, as it should be, on our shared goal of safer campuses rather than outdated bureaucratic references.

The current legal name the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act", set by Section 485(f)(18) of the Higher Education Act, can be an impediment by placing the focus on "security" rather than safety and on crime statistics alone. Congress has very thoughtfully expanded the law to encompass a range of multidisciplinary safety issues and disclosures like emergency notifications that this name no longer accurately reflects.

We would ask that you please consider amending the name of this landmark legislation to be the "Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act" as part of any higher education related measure that your committees may advance. This will continue to memorialize the living legacy of Jeanne Clery and help better focus efforts in a way that will improve campus safety. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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