

October 8, 2024

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chairman Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders:

SAFE Campuses, LLC, a social entrepreneurship that works with colleges and universities to enhance campus safety, believes that the Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA), an addition to the existing Clery Act, will make campuses safer. We urge the Senate to promptly take up the House passed version of the measure (H.R. 5646) and see these life-saving provisions enacted as quickly as possible this year.

The House sponsors and committee undertook significant consultations with stakeholders and across Congress to hone the version that passed the House. As a result the requirements are clearer to practitioners and will also allow institutions much needed flexibility on reporting obligations.

The SCHA incorporates core provisions from two prior bills – the REACH Act and the END ALL Hazing Act. Institutions will report hazing statistics under the Clery Act using a universal definition, provide educational programming, and using a state or institutional definition establish a hazing policy and report on individual student organizations found responsible for hazing. These provisions reflect the advocacy of numerous families of hazing victims that have come together with subject matter experts to design and advocate for a comprehensive prevention framework.

The SCHA as amended will also modernize the Clery Act's name as the "Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act". This removes outdated jargon that focuses on technical matters and instead rightly places the focus on the goal of "Campus Safety". This will help practitioners and those of us who aid them better keep campuses safe.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

S. Daniel Carter, President

c.c.: U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.