STOP CAMPUS HAZING ACT

Senate Co-Leads: Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) & Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA)
House Co-Leads: Representatives Jeff Duncan (R-SC) & Lucy McBath (D-GA)

Hazing is a dangerous—and at times deadly—problem on college campuses that undermines the mission of higher education. The National Study of Student Hazing found that more than half of college students involved in extracurricular clubs, athletic teams, and organizations experience hazing. Since 2000, there have been more than 50 hazing-related deaths. Countless hazing incidents go unreported.

The Stop Campus Hazing Act would improve hazing reporting and prevention on college campuses. This bipartisan, evidence-informed legislation is supported by national campus safety experts, national fraternity and sorority trade associations, and the parents of hazing victims. This bill would:

• Improve hazing reporting by requiring colleges to include hazing incidents in their Annual Security Report (“Clery Report”);
• Prevent hazing by establishing campus-wide, research-based hazing education and prevention programs; and
• Help students and their parents make informed decisions about joining organizations on campus by requiring colleges to publish on their websites the institution’s hazing prevention policies and the organizations that have violated them.

This is a consensus bill that incorporates provisions from the REACH Act and the END ALL Hazing Act that were introduced in previous Congresses. This bill incorporates feedback from the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers (NACCOP).

Organization Endorsements: Clery Center; StopHazing; Anti-Hazing Coalition (including the Hazing Prevention Network, Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values, Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, National Panhellenic Conference and its member sororities, and the North American Interfraternity Conference and its member fraternities); College Safety Coalition; and SAFE Campuses, LLC.