

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 29, 2015

[REDACTED]
President, Alpha Kappa

[REDACTED]
Columbia, MO 65211

Dear [REDACTED]

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Throughout my many visits to campuses in Missouri I have met with Fraternity and Sorority members to discuss the issues surrounding campus sexual assault. In those discussions I was left with the impression that campus organizations such as yours were interested in solving this problem in a way that encourages reporting, supports victims and holds schools accountable for failure to act to protect students. Representative Salmon's bill addresses none of those priorities. The bill would instead stifle reporting and force victims down a one size fits all pipeline against their wishes.

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Numerous organizations that work with sexual assault survivors on a daily basis have publicly said that this legislation will be dangerous and will stifle reporting of sexual assaults to both campus authorities and the police. I am hopeful that your chapter will instead join me in supporting legislation that will have a positive impact on survivors while also working to ensure the campus disciplinary process is fair for all parties involved, unlike Representative Salmon's legislation.

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As your Senator, and a graduate of the University of Missouri, I want to work closely with the students of Missouri to address this serious problem on college campuses. I hope that you will work with me to pass strong legislation that will protect all students and reduce violence on campuses.

Sincerely,

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