

May 14, 2014

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
U.S. Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for your deep commitment to tackling the serious problem of sexual assault in society and on college campuses, both in your current position in the United States Senate and in your work as a prosecutor. I, along with the entire higher education community, appreciate your devotion to confronting and solving this problem through education, prevention and, when needed, equitable but firm enforcement and punishment.

All college and university presidents share your concerns and commitment, and stand steadfast in their dedication to taking efforts that address education and prevention and ensure a prompt, supportive, equitable response when sexual assaults occur.

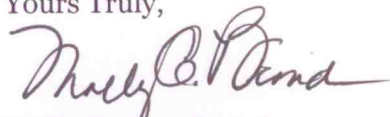
Outside the death of a student, campus sexual assaults may be the most difficult and heart wrenching emotional issues confronting senior campus leaders. Such assaults also are frequently extraordinarily complex, and college administrators often are faced with navigating between conflicting stories, no witnesses, little or no evidence, impaired judgments and memories, and a long lag time between incident and report.

When an institution becomes aware of a sexual assault incident, its response is guided by twin core principles: protect the victim and be fair to both parties.

Every day, institutions make a good-faith effort to act promptly and fairly on the information made available to them by accusers and unearthed in the course of an investigation. We want to work with federal, state and local officials to combat sexual assaults on campus and share our expertise as the frequent first responders to these incidents.

Our institutions have been asking ACE for information and guidance about how to do the best job possible in responding to these situations. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how colleges and universities are addressing this problem, and how we can work together to achieve our common goal of providing the safest and most welcoming environment for all students.

Yours Truly,



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