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**The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence Supports Jane Doe and Cannot Continue to Support Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee as the Lead Sponsor of VAWA**

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**Washington, DC** — The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence unequivocally supports Jane Doe, who has filed a retaliation complaint against the Office of Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation for mishandling Doe’s report of sexual assault. We begin and end all of our work with supporting survivors and support Jane Doe and many others who have been unsupported in their attempts to speak out.

As many know, Rep. Jackson Lee was a strong ally and primary sponsor of the reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. We cannot, however, support her continued lead sponsorship. We look forward to working with House leadership to find an alternative path forward for VAWA as quickly as possible.

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*The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for state coalitions and local programs working to end sexual violence and support survivors.*