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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
President
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Dear President Napolitano:

As our students return to campus, they are counting on their universities to not only educate them, but also to protect them. Yet, as you know too well, campus sexual assault has reached epidemic levels in our country, and I am writing to ask you to create an independent victim's advocate on your campuses.

I recently introduced the SOS Campus Act with Congresswoman Susan Davis, and I want to thank you so much for endorsing this critical legislation. As you know, our bill is very straightforward: it would make sure an independent advocate is in place on every campus to help sexual assault survivors report an assault, obtain emergency medical care and examinations, and receive counseling, legal assistance and information about their rights.

In addition to your endorsement, this legislation has received a tremendous amount of support already from victims' rights advocates, including the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the National Women's Law Center, the Victim Rights Law Center, Savannah Badalich, Founder of UCLA's 7000 in Solidarity: A Campaign Against Sexual Assault, Break the Cycle, Jewish Women International, the American Association of University Women, Legal Momentum, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) and the Violence Prevention Coalition of Orange County.

I am working hard to pass the SOS Campus Act in Congress, but our students cannot afford to wait another minute for that to happen. That is why I am asking you today to voluntarily implement its provisions by creating an independent victim's advocate on every University of California campus.

Please let me know in a return letter if my staff can work with you to make this happen and I will ensure the public knows of your leadership on combatting sexual assault. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator