
ABOUT THE ANTI-HAZING COALITION

The Anti-Hazing Coalition (AHC) is a group of advocates committed to finding a way to eradicate hazing. The Coalition is comprised of parents who have lost children in collegiate hazing tragedies. The AHC also includes the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), made up of 26 women's sorority organizations, and the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), made up of 58 men's fraternity organizations, that collectively represent 625,000 students nationwide. Other organizations within the fraternal community – HazingPrevention.org, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV) – also have committed their support to AHC's efforts.

ERADICATING HAZING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed against another person that contributes to or causes a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or degradation. Hazing threatens the health and safety of students in high school and college and undermines an institution's educational mission. At least 50 percent of high school students participating in extra-curricular clubs and organized sports have been exposed to hazing activities, and 18 percent of all Americans report being victims of hazing in high school. In college, hazing may be combined with demeaning behavior and/or forced alcohol and drug consumption to create life-threatening, risky situations for students. As values-based organizations run by and for students, fraternities and sororities are the leading source of anti-hazing educational programming on college campuses nationwide, but we still see instances where our members violate our values by hazing fellow students. Fraternities and sororities must take the lead in upholding those values and eradicating hazing in every campus organization where it exists today.

The AHC is working to eradicate hazing through aggressive student outreach, state-level efforts to strengthen criminal and civil penalties for hazing, and federal advocacy to increase transparency to make lasting cultural change in student organizations and on university campuses. Every student has the right to learn and thrive in a safe and healthy campus environment.

HOW CONGRESS CAN HELP

Federal policymakers can help educate parents and students about the dangers of hazing and how to prevent it by focusing on transparency and accountability inside all student organizations. Any federal solution on hazing must give institutions, organizations, and students the latitude to address – rather than hide – the small-scale violations of the student code of conduct that, if not addressed, can grow into more dangerous hazing behaviors that threaten student safety. We applaud the inclusion of the anti-hazing provisions in the College Affordability Act (H.R. 4674 - 116th) and urge both the House and Senate to include similar provisions in a Higher Education Act reauthorization bill.

- **Educational Notification and Disclosure of Student Actions risking Loss of Life by (END ALL) Hazing Act (H.R. 1933/S. 775).** The END ALL Hazing Act would require institutions of higher education to maintain and update biannually a page on their websites that disclose student organization violations of the institution's code of conduct that threaten the safety of students. The report would detail the corrective measures imposed by the institution on the student organization. This would allow students and parents to make more informed decisions about which student organizations are safe to join. A number of states across the country have already adapted similar laws, but it would be more effective for federal law to include these disclosures to cover all schools.

To become a co-sponsor of the END ALL Hazing, please contact Matthew Golden in Rep. Lucy McBath's (D-GA) office or Patrick Fox in Sen. Bill Cassidy's (R-LA) office.

- **Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act (H.R. 2525/S. 744).** The REACH Act would create a federal definition of hazing, require universities to include incidents of hazing in their Clery Act reporting, and provide students with educational programming related to hazing.

To become a co-sponsor of the REACH Act, please contact Matthew Golden in Rep. Lucy McBath's (D-GA) office or Max Hurst in Sen. Amy Klobuchar's (D-MN) office.