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## An Open Letter Addressing Gamma Phi Beta's Position on Sexual Violence Legislation

Dear members:

Gamma Phi Beta prides ourselves on being a member-focused organization full of confident women of character. The safety and well-being of our members has always been – and will always be – of paramount concern. Over the last several months, Gamma Phi Beta has reviewed the legislation endorsed by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). We have debated the merits, and we have listened to you, our members. Today, we share that Gamma Phi Beta does not support the current NPC-endorsed legislation as written. Our reason is simple: the legislation as currently written does not represent the mission, vision, values and guiding principles of our organization. As a member-focused organization 200,000 women strong, we must stand behind our values.

While we do not support the current legislation as it stands, we do support legislation and solutions that protect the safety and rights of our members – and all students. We support NPC's participation in finding these solutions. We support all NPC member organizations in educating our members on the legislative process and the need for solutions that allow our members and students to flourish in their campus environments. We are committed to being part of this conversation and we welcome your comments at [gammaphibeta@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:gammaphibeta@gammaphibeta.org).

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