



FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE

September 12, 2017

Secretary DeVos
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos,

While your schedule is undoubtedly full, given your current focus on re-examining how sexual assault on campus is being addressed, we would like to extend an invitation to you to visit with us and our members while you are in Colorado on your *Rethink School* tour. The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is a statewide membership agency that serves as the collective voice of advocates and survivors of sexual assault. CCASA's membership includes over 100 sexual assault survivors, victim advocates, rape crisis centers, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, college and university campuses, law enforcement agencies, offender treatment programs, public health agencies, medical professionals, prosecutors, public officials, as well as other organizations and concerned individuals throughout Colorado.

Although we are not sure where in Colorado you will be traveling, we have members throughout the state and we can arrange to meet with you at a time and location most convenient to you. Given our members' broad representation of the spectrum of professionals involved in responding to sexual assault on campuses, we feel that we can provide invaluable information and perspective regarding how policies and practices are currently working in Colorado as you consider future directions for addressing this critical issue.

You can contact me at 303-839-0029 or brie@ccasa.org regarding scheduling. Please keep in mind that every state has an anti-sexual violence Coalition and local member programs doing similar work. If you are unable to connect with us, we would encourage you to reach out to the Coalitions in Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska to connect with them while you are in those states.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brie Franklin'.

Brie Franklin
Executive Director