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Rep. Mary Kaptur  
45 Independence Ave  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Ms. Kaptur,

Currently H.R. 1593 remains at the status of being introduced to congress. It is imperative that this bill, otherwise known as the S.T.O.P. (Sexual Assault Training and Oversight Prevention) Act, become law.

The reality of rape and sexual assault occurring within the military is horrifying, and appalling. Shouldn't the men and women who serve and protect the United States be offered some kind of support when an atrocity like this happens to them?

Instead of any form of justice being served for the victims, most are being retaliated against. According to *Twice Betrayed: Bringing Justice to the U.S. Military’s Sexual Assault Problem* by Lindsay Rosenthal and Lawrence Korb — “All too often, victims are forced out of the military as a means of retaliation for reporting the crimes committed against them.” (Rosenthal, Korb 7).

This is ridiculous, and not to mention, terrifying. Victims of these heinous crimes deserve to be heard, and to have their cases handled appropriately.

The specifics of the Act state “Establishes a Sexual Assault Oversight and Response Council, composed mainly of civilians, as an independent entity from the chain of command of the Department of Defense (DOD).” (Congress.gov). This would help serve a great purpose where justice is concerned.

Sincerely,

Your name

Sources:  
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