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Drs. Linda Williams, April Pattavina, Nan Stein, and Alison Cares  
Justice and Gender Based Violence Research Initiative  
Wellesley Centers for Women  
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Dear Drs. Williams, Pattavina, Stein, and Cares:

I am pleased to be writing in support of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funded project, *Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus: A National Assessment and Systematic Classification of the Scope and Challenges for Investigation and Adjudication*, on behalf of the Campus Prevention Network (CPN). The CPN supports colleges and universities in driving lasting, large-scale change on critical health and safety issues, including the prevention of sexual assault. The goals of your project to provide helpful information and tools to improve understanding of current practices in campus investigations and adjudications of student-on-student sexual assault cases aligns with the CPN's commitment to share best practices that promote the highest standards of prevention.

The Campus Prevention Network team is very familiar with the work of the lead researchers on this project—Linda Williams, April Pattavina, Nan Stein, and Alison Cares—and we are confident that they are well-equipped to handle this sensitive, important, and timely research. Their work is guided and informed by an advisory panel of experts from campuses and organizations around the country, representing decades of experience. We believe that their research design of a scan of the websites of 969 colleges and universities paired with interview with 100 key stakeholders will produce valuable information about methods of investigation and adjudication, including strengths and challenges of different approaches. We understand that interviews will be based on a sample designed to draw from a range of school types and response approaches. We hope that individuals who are invited to take part in your confidential stakeholder interviews will participate and share their important perspective.

We look forward to your findings and the tools for campuses that will be produced as a part of the project, including a policy checklist (guided by federal legal requirements), guidance for conducting a website self-evaluation, and a digest of investigation and adjudication approaches including highlights of the strengths and complexities of each approach. These tools can be critical in providing support to schools as they work to improve their response to sexual assault, and we look forward to reviewing them.

We are happy to support this project and excited to draw upon the project's future products in our own work and share them across our network. If you need further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Buelow'.

Rob Buelow  
Vice President, Prevention Education  
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