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## **MONDAY: Campus Sexual Assault—McCaskill to Host Roundtable With Stakeholders**

*Focusing on The Clery Act and the Campus SaVE Act, Senator will hold the first of three scheduled roundtable talks with survivors, advocates, administrators, prosecutors, law enforcement*

**WASHINGTON** – Weeks after launching an unprecedented [survey](#) of hundreds of colleges and universities, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill will hold the first of three roundtable discussions on Monday focusing on *The Clery Act*, *Campus SaVE Act*, and policies to combat rape and sexual assaults on college and university campuses.

**McCaskill's roundtable discussion will begin at 2 p.m. ET on Monday, May 19 in Dirksen Senate Office Building, SD-342. The roundtable is open to the press, and will be live-streamed online. McCaskill will be available following the roundtable for questions from reporters.**

McCaskill, who is organizing the three roundtables through her Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, is teaming up with Senators Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut to better understand how colleges and universities handle sexual assaults on campus, as the Senators consider legislative solutions. Participating in the roundtables will be current or former student survivors, campus safety and sexual assault experts, sex crimes prosecutors, university law enforcement, victim advocacy and response organizations, and university administrators.

Participants at Monday's roundtable discussion will include:

- Laura Dunn – Executive Director of SurvJustice
- Caroline Fultz-Carver – Associate Compliance Officer at the University of South Florida
- Eric Heath – Chief of Police at the George Mason University Police Department

- Alison Kiss – Executive Director at The Clery Center for Security on Campus
- Holly Rider-Milkovich – Director of The Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center at the University of Michigan
- Tracey Vitchers – Communications Coordinator at Students Active for Ending Rape

The next two roundtable discussions will also be open to the press and will focus on Title IX (Monday, June 2, 2:30-4:30 pm) and the Administrative Process and the Criminal Justice System (Monday, June 16, 2:30-4:30 pm).

McCaskill is [surveying colleges and universities](#) to learn exactly how schools handle rapes and sexual assaults on campuses—specifically focusing on how such crimes are reported and investigated and how students are notified about available services. The survey will gauge the effectiveness of federal oversight and enforcement under Title IX federal civil rights law and the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act*, commonly known as the Clery Act. **Click [HERE](#) to view a sample survey.**

McCaskill, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal recently sent a letter to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education calling for new federal funding to investigate and enforce sexual assault laws at colleges and universities. Each year, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights handles more than 10,000 complaints against schools over violations of Title IX, but has just half the staff it did in 1980, when OCR received a third of the amount of complaints as today.

***The Clery Act and the Campus SaVE Act Roundtable Discussion***  
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