



Content Warning: This contains information regarding sexual violence that may be triggering.

The Residence Hall Association stands with the Campus Y and shares deep concern with the implications of the Title IX Final Rule that applies to all schools receiving federal funding, including UNC-Chapel Hill. Among the many important items aimed at ensuring equal access and opportunity, Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.

This Final Rule would require schools to only investigate the most extreme forms of harassment and assault, dismiss cases that occur off school grounds, require live hearings and direct cross-examination of complainants, and permit needless delays in the completion of Title IX investigations. Altogether, these changes will discourage survivors from coming forward and utilizing the Title IX process at their schools, ultimately resulting in rampant sexual violence going unaddressed. The 2019 Campus Climate survey revealed that at UNC, 1 in 3 women experience sexual violence. This means that there is the potential for over 5,000 Undergraduate and Graduate UNC students to be impacted by this policy. We, the Residence Hall Association, are calling on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to ensure justice for students by using the discretion that all universities are granted to choose how these policies are implemented.

Read the full letter to UNC Chapel Hill [here](#). You can sign the petition to demand that the University create policies that make our campus safer [here](#). You can read about the results of the 2019 Campus Climate survey as well as learn more about resources available for support at <https://safe.unc.edu>.

For The Residents,

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