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### **National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere** **Student Testifies Before Congress** *SAVE Student Addresses Strategies for* *Improving School Safety and Violence Prevention*

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. Pamela L. Riley, executive director of the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), has announced that SAVE was selected to testify on bullying and school violence issues for the United States House Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities and Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. On July 8, SAVE Youth Advisory Board member Cassady Tetsworth, a rising senior at Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C., testified as a member of a panel made up of administrators, advocates and students that encouraged Congress to examine strategies for limiting violence, bullying and harassment in the nation's schools. Tetsworth provided members of the subcommittees with background on SAVE, information on the organization's proactive approach to preventing school violence as well as recommendations for increasing school safety around the country. After completing her testimony, Tetsworth fielded follow up questions from members of the subcommittees.

SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with more than 1,800 chapters in 47 states and more than 200,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide.

#### Related Links:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=8035357&page=1>

<http://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=68YRyvfl1I4>

<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/PoliticalNews.aspx?Node=B1&Id=999984>

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/cassadytestimony.php>

#### About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. The National Association of SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with more than 1,800 chapters in 46 states and more than 200,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org), or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.