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Resolution Re: Sexual Assault in the Military

Whereas sexual abuse harms the victim immediately and for years to come, and

Whereas unprosecuted sexual abuse undercuts all human relationships, and thus hurts victims, perpetrators and everyone else, and

Whereas, sexual assault in the military has affected thousands of men and women in our armed forces, undermining our national pride and strength,

Whereas fair and speedy military justice is needed to halt this scourge,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Village Independent Democrats endorses Senator Gillibrand's bill to provide victims of sexual abuse with an unbiased means to report this crime, via an independent prosecutor, not the commanding officer, who will keep reports in confidence and have the power to decide when a specific crime requires swift and sure justice to protect the victim, restrain the perpetrator, and strengthen the military.