

In the fight to **curb sexual assault in the military**, significant progress has been made... but there's more work to do.

The military justice system has been substantially reformed by Congress.

- ✓ Commanders have been stripped of the ability to overturn convictions.
- ✓ Civilian review is now required if a commander decides against a prosecution.
- ✓ Dishonorable discharge is now a required minimum sentence.
- ✓ And what other justice system automatically provides each victim **their own independent lawyer** to fight for their interests, like the military now does?

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These Reforms Have Begun to Show Progress:



THE PROBLEM: Survivors of assault who report that they've been victimized are still reporting high rates of retaliation from their peers.

THE NEXT STEP:

The Military Retaliation Prevention Act

a bipartisan bill by U.S. Senators Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) to:

- **Strengthen the military response**
By making retaliation its own unique offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- **Increase transparency**
By requiring victims be notified of how their complaint was decided—and requiring the Pentagon collect and publish data on retaliation complaints
- **Require specific training for investigators**
Including all military criminal investigators, IG investigators, or any personnel assigned by commanders to investigate the complaints
- **Ensure each of the services adopt best practices**
By establishing metrics for measuring the outcomes of their efforts to prevent and respond to instances of retaliation