**Press Advisory: Action Together New Jersey Hosts Live Broadcast about Sexual Violence and the #MeToo Movement**

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Madison, NJ – On Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m., Action Together New Jersey (ATNJ) and the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) will team up to host a one-hour health-focused broadcast entitled, "Sexual Violence: Let's Have the Hard Conversation: Bearing Witness to the Cultural Shift." This event will be streamed online as a Facebook Live broadcast from the Action Together New Jersey public Facebook page.

Experts Patricia Teffenhart, Executive Director at NJCASA and Sarah Bear, NJCASA Training and Outreach Coordinator, will speak on topic and be available to answer questions. Uyen "Winn" Khuong, Executive Director of ATNJ, will host the discussion.

The broadcast aims to share facts about sexual harassment and sexual violence on behalf of those affected by the #metoo movement, as well as to dispel common myths about victims.

"So many of our group members have spoken up about their experiences in light of the #metoo movement that sexual assault remains an active discussion topic in our members' Facebook group," Khuong said. "We felt it imperative to have trained professionals in this field to educate our members and the public on the facts and to provide support for survivors as they cope with the ongoing revelations of new allegations in the news."

"Talking about sexual violence is hard, yet seemingly unavoidable given the cultural narrative dominating our current socio-political discourse. Knowing more about this complex issue can prepare us to engage meaningfully in constructive conversations that honor the diverse lived experiences of survivors. As experts in the field, we appreciate the opportunity to facilitate this conversation with others interested in supporting a safer Garden State," said Teffenhart.

Questions in advance of the event may be submitted anonymously via webform at https://tinyurl.com/y7uutcfc or by email to Sarah Bear at sbear@njcasa.org. NJCASA is also available for confidential follow up conversations.

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**About Action Together New Jersey**
We are the largest grassroots group in New Jersey with local chapters covering every county. We share a passion for equal rights, for progressive ideals, and for building a brighter future for all New Jerseyans. We are your neighbors, your friends, and your coworkers, banded together to help secure a more inclusive and progressive future for our state and our country. We work collaboratively on matters of public concern and host a range of free events, including rallies and calls to action, trainings, live streamed updates, educational forums and more toward keeping people informed and engaged in the political progress. We help train, uplift and support candidates for office with our dollars, our calls and our feet, walking the talk on bringing forward new leaders and new ideas. We invite you to join us and to be at the forefront of that change. For more information on what we do and to join us, visit us at: www.ATNJ.org.

**About New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) is the statewide advocacy and capacity building organization that represents the twenty-one county-based rape crisis centers, and the Rutgers University Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. NJCASA elevates the voice of sexual violence survivors and service providers by advocating for survivor-centered legislation, training allied professionals, and supporting statewide prevention strategies that work to address and defy the socio-cultural norms that permit and promote rape culture. Our mission is to promote the compassionate and just treatment of survivors and their loved ones; foster collaborative relationships between community systems; and affect attitudinal and behavioral changes in society as we work toward the elimination of sexual violence against all people.

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