

## PAVE SAYS LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO REVOKE COSBY MEDAL

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### PAVE ANNOUNCES PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO REVOKE COSBY MEDAL

Work Underway in Congress to Deprive Disgraced Comedian of Nation's Highest Honor

WASHINGTON D.C. – [Angela Rose](#), executive director of PAVE ([Promoting Awareness | Victim Empowerment](#)), a DC-based nonprofit organization that works to prevent sexual assault and heal survivors, today went to Capitol Hill to strategize with legislators on efforts to revoke Bill Cosby's Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Ms. Rose says legislation will soon be introduced to give President Obama the power to revoke the medal.

"When asked about revoking the Medal of Freedom, President Obama told reporters that he had no mechanism to do so," Rose said today. "We are pleased to report that we are making progress in Congress to give the President that mechanism."

Ms. Rose referred to comments made by President Obama during an East Room Press Conference on July 15, 2015, in which the President stopped just short of calling Mr. Cosby a rapist but noted that giving drugs to men or women for the purpose of sexual intercourse does not meet the definition of "consent." Since then, the President's comments and the PAVE effort to revoke the Cosby medal had won international attention.

More than 50 women have accused Bill Cosby of sexual violence, and Mr. Cosby himself admitted in a deposition that he obtained powerful drugs for the purpose of having sex with women. A petition calling for the medal to be revoked exceeded 14,000 people on a White House website. It has also been supported by presidential contenders Donald Trump, George Pataki along with Senators Kristen Gillibrand and Claire McCaskill.

"Every American should be embarrassed that we have given the nation's highest honor to a man like Bill Cosby. Now it's time for Congress and the President to take action to change this. Revoking the medal will send a message to the world that America values respect and consent."

*[Promoting Awareness | Victim Empowerment](#) (PAVE) is a multi-chapter national 501c3 nonprofit that works to prevent sexual assault and heal survivors through social advocacy, education, and victim support. PAVE's work has appeared on TODAY, [Good Morning America](#), CBS This Morning and many others. [www.ShatteringTheSilence.org](http://www.ShatteringTheSilence.org)*

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