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**HARKIN: NEARLY \$1 MILLION COMING TO UNI FOR WORK  
TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES**

Washington, D.C. – As part of his continual efforts to end violence against women, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today announced that the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) will receive \$999,909 to work with Iowa State University (ISU) and the University of Iowa (UI) to implement educational methods to help combat violence against women on university and college campuses.

“Iowa’s universities are taking much-needed action to educate our students and communities about reducing campus violence against women. They are doing the right thing in implementing vital programs that increase safety,” said Harkin. “Violence against women remains a major problem, but with these funds we can help women get the support they need to overcome these terrible acts.”

The UNI flagship project will use funding to support the creation of a Regents Campus Gender Violence Prevention Task Force to coordinate many initiatives including: implementing a mandatory new student education program; enhancing the training that campus police receive; developing courses and curricula to better educate students and faculty on victim services and gender violence prevention; and creating a statewide Men’s Gender Violence Prevention Institute.

UNI will also partner with the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual

Assault, Seeds of Hope (a multidisciplinary domestic violence agency), the Cedar Falls Police Department and the State of Iowa's Attorney Generals' Victim Assistance Division.

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