



The dream of a SANE in every ED just took a big step toward reality.

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, Texas congressman Ted Poe introduced the "Megan Rondini Act of 2017" in the House. Co-sponsored by New York Representative Carol Maloney, the bill would require hospitals nationwide to provide rape victims with around-the-clock access to SANEs.



Megan Rondini in 2014
Courtesy of the Rondini family via BuzzFeed

Megan Rondini was a Texas native and a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 2015 when she was allegedly raped by a wealthy and influential Tuscaloosa resident.

Not only was Rondini's case mishandled by local police, her rape kit was taken at a local hospital by medical professionals untrained in conducting a medical-forensic examination.

As a result of these and other stresses related to her sexual assault, Rondini was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. In the following months her depression worsened and she eventually committed suicide. You can read more about this tragic case and the Megan Rondini Act of 2017 [here](#) and [here](#).

The Poe-Maloney legislation is long overdue.

It's unfortunate that a law is required to guarantee that rape victims receive proper care.

It's equally unfortunate that the Poe-Maloney bill is far from becoming law. But *you* can help!

Rape victims are the only patient population visiting the ED that risks being treated by medical personnel without the proper training.

Please contact your congressional representative and ask that he or she support this vital legislation. Provide your representative with any first-hand knowledge or experiences that will help him or her better understand the critical need for a SANE in every ED.



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