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## **Statement from RALIANCE on the 2020 Presidential Election**

RALIANCE issued the following statement on the election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris:

RALIANCE extends congratulations to President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris on their victory. From championing the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 while in the Senate to launching a national campaign focused on preventing rape and sexual assault on college campuses during the Obama administration, Mr. Biden has a record of fighting for survivors of sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse.

While there is much more work to be done in the fight for equity and equality, we also celebrate the barrier-breaking milestones achieved during this election on all levels of government. In addition to Kamala Harris being the first woman and Black and South Asian American person to be elected Vice President of the United States, this election ushered in historic firsts for women, people of color and LGBTQ candidates, including Black Lives Matter activist Cori Bush as the first Black woman elected to represent Missouri in Congress, Sarah McBride as the first openly transgender state senator and the highest-ranking transgender official in the United States and Ritchie Torres and Mondaire Jones as the first openly gay Black men to be elected to Congress.

As America steps toward a future filled with possibilities, RALIANCE looks forward to working with the Biden administration to continue the fight to amplify the voices and needs of all survivors by strengthening policies and programs that create safe workplaces and communities.

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