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Chris Brown Missed the Boat

Washington, D.C. – Sue Else, President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence today issued the following statement in response to Chris Brown’s first media interview since the brutal attack on Rihanna. Brown appeared last night on CNN’s *Larry King Live*.

“Chris Brown missed an opportunity to fully educate young people about dating violence. Though he rightfully took responsibility for and spoke out against his criminal actions, he neglected to discuss his choice to beat up someone he claims to love. Rather, Brown cowered in forgetfulness about the night he violently assaulted Rihanna.

“Brown recognized that there isn’t enough education about what healthy relationships look like. Last night, he could have done something about that and didn’t.

“Teen dating violence is skyrocketing, and we urge Brown to be part of the solution after being part of the problem.”

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NNEDV, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a leading voice for domestic violence victims and advocates. Its members include the 56 state and territorial coalitions against domestic violence. It works closely with them to understand the needs of domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. NNEDV has been a premiere national organization advancing the movement against domestic violence for the past 15 years, after leading efforts among domestic violence advocates and survivors in urging Congress to pass the landmark Violence Against Women Act of 1994. To learn more about NNEDV, please visit www.nnedv.org.