October 8, 2026

The Honorable Members of the 119th Congress
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Importance of Passing H.R. 909 'Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act of 2025'

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Members of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

We, the undersigned Attorneys General, express our strong support of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 ("VOCA") and urge the Senate to swiftly pass H.R. 909, the "Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act of 2025," which is critical to preserving the long-term stability of victim services in our states. Without a consistent funding source, some of our offices—which are directly responsible for administering VOCA-funded programs—may not have the resources necessary to provide adequate services to victims and survivors. That is a risk our states cannot accept. H.R. 909 passed the House unanimously, with 328 cosponsors, underscoring the importance of VOCA and its associated programs.

VOCA, and the funding that sustains it, is vital to ensuring our states can appropriately serve victims of crimes. VOCA-funded programs provide essential services to individuals and families impacted by crime, including medical care, mental health counseling, lost wages, courtroom advocacy, and temporary housing. VOCA also supports such discretionary grant programs, victim specialists within certain agencies, and other initiatives that benefit victims of crime.

It bears emphasis that VOCA funding is sustained by monetary penalties associated with federal criminal convictions, as well as deferred and non-prosecution agreements. These penalties are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund ("CVF"), from which Congress determines annual disbursements through the appropriations process.

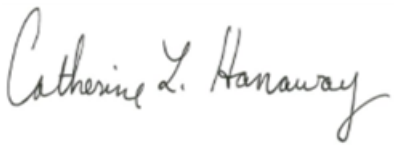
Regrettably, the frequency and value of federal prosecutions and associated fines are inherently inconsistent, and the CVF has in recent years experienced a troubling decline in deposits — even as demand for victim services continues to rise. In 2021, Congress took bipartisan, bicameral action through enactment of the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act (Public Law 117-27), which requires monetary penalties from federal deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements to be deposited into the CVF. While this measure represented meaningful progress, the CVF has not recovered sufficiently to meet nationwide need. Receipts from those agreements have themselves fallen below historical norms, and the CVF still lacks a dependable base.

The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act would provide a critical and necessary remedy. This legislation redirects unobligated funds collected under the False Claims Act—penalties assessed against individuals and entities that defraud government programs—into the CVF, ensuring a predictable and sustainable funding stream from enactment through fiscal year 2029.

Without stable and predictable CVF funding, the smallest victim service programs, particularly those serving rural and low-income communities, will face the most severe consequences. Left unaddressed, this funding shortfall threatens to deprive a potentially staggering number of victims in our states of access to lifesaving and life-sustaining services related to child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, and other violent crimes. The impact would be felt not only by individual victims and their families, but in communities nationwide.

Victims and survivors require, and deserve, a dependable mechanism for sustained VOCA funding. We, the undersigned Attorneys General, respectfully request your support and urgent passage of the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act.

Sincerely,



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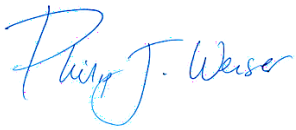
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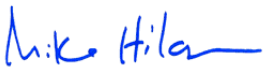
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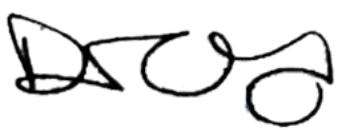
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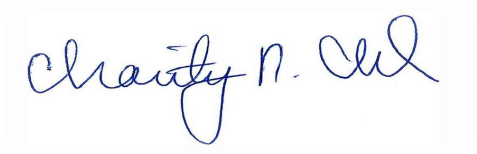
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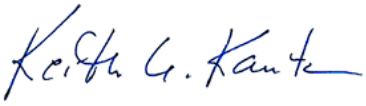
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