



September 19, 2025

Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis

The Honorable Brendan Boyle
1502 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Boyle,

As Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), I am writing to urge you to request Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding levels be appropriated at least \$1.9 billion in the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) budget. In addition, I am also requesting that you support legislation that will stabilize revenue sources to promote long-term solvency for the Crime Victims Fund (CVF).

In recent years, deposits into the CVF have declined and fluctuated sharply, leaving available funds at dangerously low levels. This uncertainty has already forced across-the-board cuts to Pennsylvania's victims' services programs. More protracted funding uncertainty would have devastating impacts for victim services programs and the Pennsylvanians they serve - from cuts to emergency relocation supports and services for victims of sexual abuse and trafficking, to increased waitlists for trauma-informed counseling.

It is urgent that you request that the Crime Victims Fund Cap for FY2026 be appropriated to sustain current levels of victim assistance services.

For immediate relief, it is also important that you support the *Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act of 2025* ([H.R. 909](#) and [S. 1892](#)), which would transfer residual funds collected through the False Claims Act into the CVF to increase resources for VOCA, an action already authorized in the VOCA statute but subject to appropriations.

Since 1984, VOCA has served as the primary funding source for local victim service organizations. In Pennsylvania alone, VOCA-funded victim service programs assist at least 146,000 individuals annually. VOCA also helps reimburse approximately 75 percent of eligible costs paid with state funds through Pennsylvania's Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), which covers expenses like medical care, counseling, funeral costs, and relocation, among others.

Every Pennsylvanian deserves to be safe and feel safe in their community, but for victims of crime, that feeling of safety and security is often shattered. We owe it to crime victims to support them as they work to heal and put their lives back together after unimaginable trauma. I urge you to fund VOCA at a minimum of \$1.9 billion in the proposed FY2026 budget and ask for your support for the *Crime Victims Stabilization Act of 2025*, which would provide much-needed stability for programs that save lives and help victims find safety, healing, and justice.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours In Service,

Austin A. Davis
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania