



## FACT SHEET

# AB 2432 – Funding Victims Services Through Corporate Accountability

### SUMMARY

AB 2432 will provide a new revenue source for crime victim services programs across the state, which serve populations like domestic violence victims, survivors of human trafficking, and vulnerable LGBTQ+ youth. The bill does so by holding bad corporate actors accountable for financial and legal wrongdoing.

### BACKGROUND

Congress is cutting critical funding for crime victim services nationwide, leading to upwards of [a 30% reduction](#) in programmatic spending across all crime victim service providers in California. This leaves California's crime victim services program roughly [\\$200 million short](#) of their previous funding levels.

These programs provide vital, even lifesaving, services to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and vulnerable youth after. California needs a long-term, permanent funding stream to support crime victims' service providers, and crime victims and survivors by extension. Congressional negotiations notwithstanding, federal funding has [typically been sustained](#) through the prosecution of large companies with deep pockets. But comparable legal options are not available at the state level.

Like many states, the California code lacks a sufficient mechanism to hold bad corporate actors criminally accountable for certain harms committed against Californians. As a result, funding for some programs for victims of crime unfairly depends on restitution payments from those who are unable to pay, or on volatile funding from the federal government.

Individuals who are found responsible for crimes in a criminal court in California face significant sentences. Yet, [corporations that harm Californians](#) face minimal accountability. For example, PG&E was charged with 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter and required to pay a fine of \$3.5 million, which is "equivalent to two weeks' worth of annual revenue" for the corporation.

This bill will ensure that victims of crime in California have access to the vital services they need. By establishing a permanent funding stream, AB 2432 will insulate California's crime victim services from federal budget issues and support victims and their service providers.

### THIS BILL

This bill creates a new and permanent funding mechanism for the programs historically funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) by holding corporations accountable for criminal wrongdoing.

### SUPPORT

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