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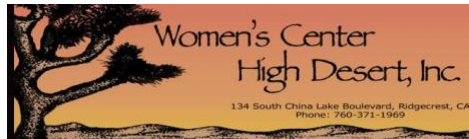
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May 14, 2024

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Senate President pro Tempore

Assembly Member Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Scott Wiener
Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
Committee

Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel
Chair of Assembly Budget Committee

Senator Aisha Wahab
Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 on
Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor
and Transportation

Assembly Member James Ramos
Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee 6 on
Public Safety

Dear Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Weiner, Chair Gabriel, Chair Wahab, and Chair Ramos:

We, the 206 undersigned organizations, representing every county in California, ranging from sexual and domestic violence agencies, to district attorneys, to children's advocacy centers, write requesting emergency funding to address cuts to the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA). Specifically, through conversations with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, we are in need of a minimum of \$100 million in one-time emergency funding and up to \$200 million in one-time funding to limit the potentially catastrophic impact these cuts will have on survivors of crime.

VOCA is at the center of California's response to supporting victims of crime, relied on by local governments, law enforcement, and service providers to fund resources that provide care to those facing the traumatic impacts of being a survivor of crime. This includes counseling, rapid rehousing, legal services, crisis response and other critical resources that support vulnerable individuals over both the short and long term. Entities facilitating these programs, which will already need to lay off staff, scale back services, and increase wait times to connect with victims, will now in some cases be forced to shut down completely if this minimum amount of funding is not provided. The impacts of these cuts will fall hardest on smaller programs, communities that have been historically underserved, and rural programs. These programs in 2022 alone assisted over 816,000 survivors across the state.

To be clear, a choice to not fund these services is a choice to stand by as programs serving victims of child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault are cut dramatically. Not providing this minimal investment also has the potential to exasperate our homelessness crisis and leaves survivors at risk of being victimized yet again. We understand that you as state leaders are in the midst of negotiating one of our most challenging budgets in recent memory. However, we believe amongst California's top priorities should be ensuring

that crime victims are not further victimized because of a lack of resources to support their recovery.

Supporting survivors of crime is one of the most impactful public safety investments that California can make and we strongly urge you to prioritize this funding request.

Sincerely,

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
Children's Advocacy Centers of California
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking
Legal Aid Association of California
Los Angeles LGBT Center
The Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network
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California Elder Justice Coalition
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
California State Association of Counties
California State Sheriff's Association
California Victims Resource Center
California Women's Law Center
Californians for Safety and Justice
Children's Advocacy Centers of California Advisory Committee
Covenant House California
Family Violence Appellate Project
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Alameda County

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Family Violence Law Center
Safe Alternatives for Violent Environments Inc. (SAVE)
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Alpine County
Live Violence Free

Amador County
Operation Care

Butte County
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Calaveras County
The Resource Connection, Calaveras Crisis Center

Colusa County
Casa de Esperanza

Contra Costa County
Community Violence Solutions
Contra Costa Senior Legal Services

Del Norte County
Rural Human Services

El Dorado County
Live Violence Free
The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

Fresno County
Central Valley Justice Coalition
Family Healing Center
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno

Glenn County
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Humboldt County
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services
North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Imperial County
Sure Helpline Center

Inyo County

Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Kern County

Open Door Network

Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

Kings County

Kings Community Action Organization

Lake County

Lake Family Resource Center

Lassen County

Lassen Family Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County

A Window Between Worlds

Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Center for the Pacific Asian Family

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Downtown Women's Center

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Journey Out

Korean American Family Services

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Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

National Organization for Women, Hollywood chapter

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

New Directors Counseling Center

New Star Family Justice Center

Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation

Peace Over Violence

Positive Results Center

Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.

PublicCounsel

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area

Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, LA

South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency

StrengthUnited

Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative

The People Concern

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Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter

YWCA Glendale and Pasadena

YWCA Greater Los Angeles

Madera County

Community Action Partnership of Madera County

Marin County

Center for Domestic Peace

Community Violence Solutions

Legal Aid of Marin

Mariposa County

Alliance for Community Transformations

Mendocino County

Project Sanctuary, Inc.

Merced County

Alliance for Community Transformations

Valley Crisis Center

Modoc County

Modoc Crisis Center - A division of TEACH, Inc.

Modoc County Victim Services

Mono County

Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Monterey County

Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Napa County

Napa County District Attorney's Office

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Nevada County

Community Beyond Violence
Sierra Community House

Orange County

Abrazar, Inc.
Child Guidance Center
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Families Forward
Human Options
Laura's House
Orangewood Foundation
Public Law Center
Radiant Futures
Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation
Waymakers

Placer County

Sierra Community House
Stand Up Placer

Plumas County

Plumas Rural Services, Inc.

Riverside County

Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp
REACH
SAFE Family Justice Centers
Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)

Sacramento County

3Strands Global Foundation
California Coalition for Youth
Opening Doors, Inc.
Sacramento LGBT Community Center
WEAVE INC

San Benito County

Community Solutions

San Bernardino County

Desert Sanctuary Inc.

DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Family Assistance Program
Option House, Inc.
Partners Against Violence

San Diego County

Center for Community Solutions
Center for Hope and Strength
Chadwick Center for Children and Families
Community Resource Center
Free to Thrive
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
North County LGBTQ Resource Center
Rooting Movements
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

San Francisco

Asian Women's Shelter
Bay Area Legal Aid
Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic
Futures Without Violence
Rally Family Visitation Services of SFMH
Safe & Sound
San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium
San Francisco Women Against Rape
Self-Help for the Elderly
W.O.M.A.N., Inc.

San Joaquin County

Partners for International Cooperation
PREVAIL (formerly Women's Center - Youth & Family Services)

San Luis Obispo County

Center for Family Strengthening
Child Advocacy Center San Luis Obispo County
Lumina Alliance

San Mateo County

Children's Advocacy Center San Mateo County
Rape Trauma Services: A Center for Healing and Violence Prevention

Santa Barbara County

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County
North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault

Santa Clara County

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
Bill Wilson Center
Children's Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County
Community Solutions
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley

Santa Cruz County

Monarch Services
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center

Shasta County

Children's Legacy Center
One SAFE Place

Sierra County

Sierra Safe Program

Siskiyou County

Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

Solano County

SafeQuest Solano, Inc.
Victims Empowerment Support Team

Sonoma County

Redwood Children's Center
Verity
YWCA Sonoma County

Stanislaus County

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Stanislaus County
Family Justice Center of Stanislaus
Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments
Senior Advocacy Network

Sutter County

Casa de Esperanza

Tehama County
Empower Tehama

Trinity County
Human Response Network
Trinity County DA Victim Witness Assistance Program

Tulare County
Central California Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Services of Tulare County

Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office
Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim/Witness

Ventura County
CASA of Ventura County
Coalition for Family Harmony
Interface Children & Family Services
SOROPTIMIST STOP Human Trafficking Committee, Camino Real Region
Ventura County District Attorney

Yolo County
Empower Yolo, Inc.
Yolo County Children's Advocacy Center, the MDIC

Yuba County
Casa de Esperanza

Individuals
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