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To Whom it May Concern,

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) is a private non-profit whose mission is to support and enhance the effectiveness of prosecutors in their efforts to create safer communities. We are the only national organization to include and support all prosecutors, including both appointed and elected prosecutors, as well as their deputies and assistants, whether they work as city attorneys, city prosecutors, district attorneys, state's attorneys, attorneys general or US attorneys. We at the APA believe in fairness for the accused, as well as justice for victims.

The United States Constitution provides many rights to those accused of a crime. However, there are no rights in the Constitution for victims of crimes. We believe that adding Constitutional provisions that ensure the rights of victims would send a message that while we believe in rights to fair treatment at the hands of government for those accused of committing crimes, we also believe in enforcing and upholding rights for victims. Also, it is important to be sensitive to victims who can unnecessarily be victimized a second time if justice is not served, or at least pursued.

We respectfully request your support for victims' rights and thank you for your consideration. We are available to answer any questions you may have, and we appreciate your attention to this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David LaBahn', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

David LaBahn
President & CEO
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys