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The Honorable Trent Franks
House of Representatives
2435 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Costa
House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Franks and Costa:

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association, the oldest and largest organization representing the interests of America's 39,000 state and local prosecutors, we wish to express our strong support for proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect the rights of crime victims (Victims' Rights Amendment).

Inclusion of victims' rights in our U.S. Constitution will ensure that crime victims will be treated with fairness, dignity and respect within our criminal justice system and that, within that system, they will be afforded needed and meaningful rights, including the opportunity to participate at all critical stages of their cases.

Inasmuch as America's prosecutors are the staunchest advocates for victims within our criminal justice system, we are proud to advocate on their behalf within the halls of Congress. We call upon the Congress to pass the amendment and the states to ratify it.

The National District Attorneys Association appreciates all of your hard work and support for America's victims of crime and your ongoing support for state and local law enforcement. Thank you for your continued support for America's state and local prosecutors.

Sincerely,

Michael Wright
President

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Executive Director