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End Sexual Violence

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### **NAESV Calls on House and Senate Leaders to Prioritize Passage of the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act This Year**

[The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act, H.R. 8061](#) now has over 200 bipartisan co-sponsors in the House and the Senate companion, S. 4514, has a growing number of bipartisan co-sponsors. This critical legislation responds to a Fiscal Year 2024 40% cut to Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding forcing victim service programs across the country to reduce or eliminate services, lay off staff, and, in some cases, close their doors. Sexual assault survivors and over 1000 programs across the country that serve them rely on [VOCA](#).

***“Sexual assault programs are really struggling,”*** commented NAESV CEO Monika Johnson Hostler. ***“We applaud the efforts of so many in Congress to find a reasonable solution to this critical need for survivors, and urge leadership to ensure passage of the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act this year.”*** NAESV is especially grateful for the leadership of lead sponsors in the House, Reps. Ann Wagner (MO), Nathaniel Moran (TX), Debbie Dingell (MI), Stephanie Bice (OK), and Jim Costa (CA,) and Senators Dick Durbin (IL), Lisa Murkowski (AK), Jeanne Shaheen (NH), Jerry Moran (KS), Patty Murray (WA), Tommy Tuberville (AL) in the Senate.

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**Background:** The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act directly helps to address the shortfall in VOCA by directing a portion of the funds collected through the False Claims Act (FCA) into the CVF through FY2029. The FCA authorizes the federal government to hold entities liable that knowingly defraud government agencies for up to three times the damages. Over the past two fiscal years, settlements and judgements under the FCA have totaled nearly \$5 billion. The FCA requires that a portion of the damages collected are first repaid to the defrauded government agency and relevant whistleblowers, however the leftover funds remain unobligated. The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act would only redirect these leftover, unobligated funds to the CVF.

This temporary infusion of resources will help stabilize the CVF, while retaining the Fund's original intent of being financed by legal fines and fees, not Americans' tax dollars. More importantly, this legislation will give victim assistance programs the support necessary to keep their operations running

*The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and 1500 rape crisis centers working to end sexual violence and support survivors.*