



NATIONAL DISTRICT
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THE VOICE OF AMERICA'S PROSECUTORS



The Honorable John Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senators Kennedy and Booker,

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), I write to express our strong support for the Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (VICTIM) Act of 2026.

NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the United States. As a nonpartisan, nonprofit association, NDAA provides training, technical assistance, and resources to prosecutors in their pursuit of justice. With over seven-thousand members, NDAA's mission is to be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights of individuals and the safety of communities.

Our members see how unsolved homicides and violent crimes devastate victims, families, and entire communities. They also see how the failure to clear these cases erodes public trust in the justice system as a whole.

Clearance rates for homicides and violent crimes have declined in many jurisdictions across the country. This has been mostly driven by resource constraints, staffing shortages, and outdated investigative technology. The VICTIM Act addresses this crisis by establishing a grant within the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to help state, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies improve their ability to investigate and clear these cases.

Prosecutors depend on thorough, well-resourced investigations to hold perpetrators of violent crime accountable and to deliver justice. The VICTIM Act provides law enforcement and prosecutors the tools, training, and support they need to close more cases and improve clearance rates across the nation.

NDAA appreciates your leadership on this critical issue and stands ready to assist in advancing the VICTIM Act this Congress.

Sincerely,

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