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The National Center for Victims of Crime stands with all victims of crime. We will always work to advance victims' rights and ensure all survivors of any crime have access to the support they need, just like we've done for the last 40 years.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Justice directed us to audit the federally funded VictimConnect Resource Center website to verify that it complies with current executive orders. While our incredible staff operates this service, it's 100% financed by a Department of Justice grant. The VictimConnect Resource Center costs NCVC over \$1 million annually and is a crucial resource for tens of thousands of crime survivors seeking much-needed support.

Simply put, we cannot afford to lose even one month of a service that crime survivors rely on each year, and we cannot wait for legal challenges to work through the court system. Survivors can't wait, either.

The reality is that the federal government could pause VictimConnect's funding at any time. Even a temporary shutdown would have devastating consequences for crime survivors when they are most vulnerable. We are unwilling to take this risk, so we must follow the directive until further notice.

Today, VictimConnect relies on federal funding — but its future doesn't have to depend on it. Private donors can help sustain this critical lifeline for all crime survivors. NCVC welcomes donations and is eager to partner with benefactors who want to ensure that VictimConnect and other essential services survive for every victim who needs help.

Sincerely,

Renée Williams  
CEO