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### **VALOR Joins 1,500 Organizations Advocating for the Victims of Crime Act Funding**

SACRAMENTO – VALOR joined 1,558 victim service organizations across the country to urge Congress to fund the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Federal grant program at \$1.9 billion beginning Fiscal Year 24-25. VOCA is the nation's funding source to supporting victims of crime ranging from sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse, elder abuse, and so much more. VOCA funds allow programs to provide direct services that support survivors' healing and recovery journeys.

**The stakes are high if Congress does not allocate \$1.9 billion in funding. Programs across the country are preparing for devastating cuts to their VOCA funds ranging anywhere between 30-40%.**

"Supporting survivors of crime is a bipartisan issue. We need Congress to act urgently and fund VOCA at \$1.9 billion," shared VALOR's CEO, Sandra Henriquez.

Make your voice heard by joining organizations nationwide on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** for VOCA Digital Day of Action to urge Congress to avoid 40% cuts in funding to VOCA. Congress must understand the importance of solving this crisis and it is their responsibility to address this shortfall in funding. The social media toolkit can be accessed [here](#).

VALOR recognizes how vital this funding is for survivors of crime and to states and local programs. We will continue to advocate at both the federal and state levels for stable funding and we will ensure equity is at the center of all decisions that are being made.