



National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

For the families and friends of those who have died by violence.

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Hon. Trent Franks
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Dear Congressman Franks,

On behalf of The National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. (POMC) I would like to thank you for your efforts to help crime victims by introducing HJR45, the Victims' Rights Amendment. POMC is a strong supporter of the effort to pass a constitutional amendment for victims and commend you for your leadership in this important effort.

POMC was founded in 1978, in Cincinnati, Ohio and currently has over 60 chapters and 100 contact people throughout the United States providing services to family and friends of those killed by violence. Tragically, in 2013 an estimated 14,196 persons were murdered in the United States. POMC's vision is to provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder is enhanced.

Thirty four years after the President Regan's Task Force on Victims of Crime first proposed a federal constitutional victims' rights amendment the need still exists to make victims' rights the fundamental law of the land, the U.S. Constitution. We believe inclusion in the U.S. Constitution can ensure full, meaningful and consistent rights for all citizens throughout our nation. Only a constitutional amendment will begin to change the culture that treats crime victims with less than the fairness, dignity and respect to which they are entitled.

As you know, that while legal rights for crime victims are provided by state constitutional amendments in 33 states and by statute in all states and at the federal level, those rights vary in strength and scope. POMC strongly supports HJR 45 and believes that enshrining crime victims' rights in our nation's constitution will also provide that any crime victim anywhere in the country can expect the same basic level of victims' rights.

POMC stands with you and your colleagues in supporting HJR45 and are extremely grateful for all of your efforts to ensure victims are treated with fairness, dignity and respect throughout the criminal justice process.

With gratitude,



Dan Levey
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