

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 24, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Jo Bondi
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi,

We write to express our deep concern about reports that the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has withdrawn its Notice of 2025 Funding Opportunities.¹ OVW administers critical grant programs that provide lifesaving support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The sudden withdrawal of these funding opportunities threatens to disrupt essential services, jeopardize the stability of victim assistance programs, and undermine the bipartisan commitment to combating these forms of violence. We respectfully urge the Department of Justice to clarify the status of these grants as soon as possible and take swift action to ensure funding remains available to support survivors and the organizations that serve them.

For decades, OVW's grant programs have provided vital resources to law enforcement agencies, legal service providers, crisis centers, and community organizations that work to support survivors and prevent violence and abuse. These programs have played a key role in carrying out the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which Congress once again reauthorized in 2022 on a bipartisan basis, creating several new programs to combat cybercrime and new grant programs to assist with victim services that address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.²

A delay or reduction in OVW funding will have devastating consequences for the countless individuals who rely on these resources for safety, legal protection, and recovery. This abrupt

¹ U.S. Dep't of Just., **Open Notices of Funding Opportunities**, Off. on Violence Against Women, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-notices-of-funding-opportunities> (last visited Apr. 23, 2025).

² Cong. Rsch. Serv., **R47570, The 2022 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization** (2023), <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R47570>.

withdrawal of funding has created severe uncertainty that threatens the well-being of survivors who cannot afford these delays. We ask that the Department clarify its plans to rectify this situation and ensure that OVW grant funding is fully restored without further delay to continue providing care to survivors of domestic violence.

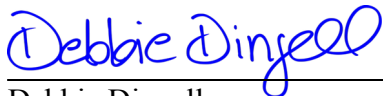
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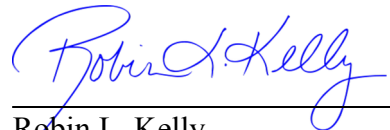
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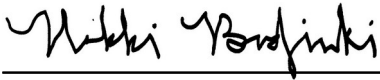
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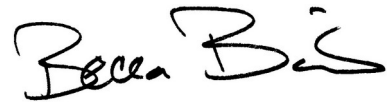
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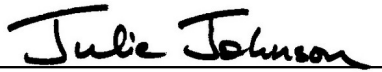
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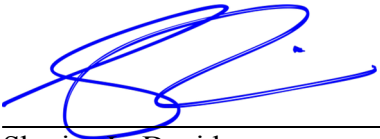
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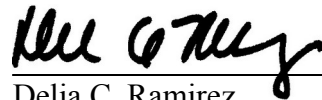
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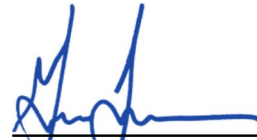
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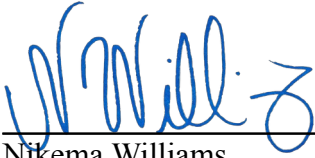
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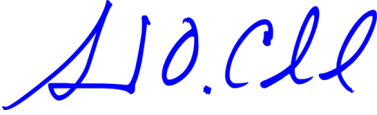
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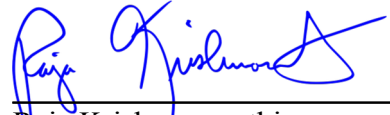
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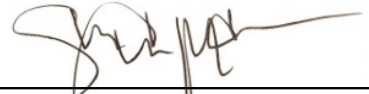
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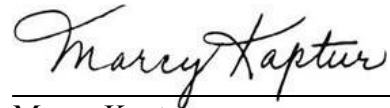
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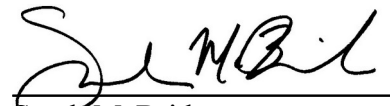
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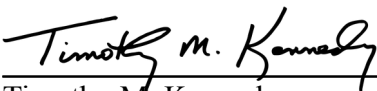
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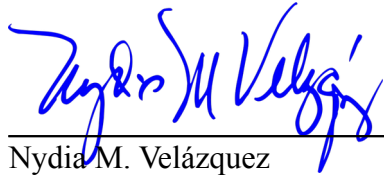
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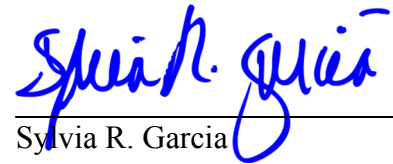
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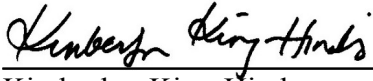
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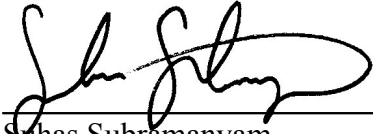
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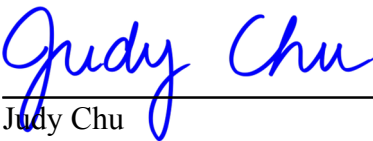
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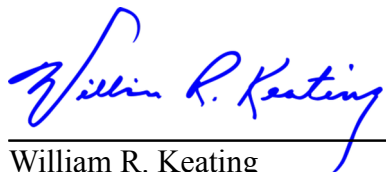
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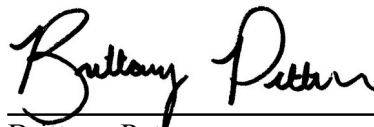
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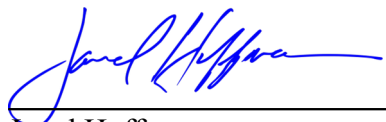
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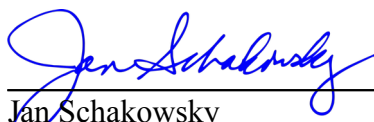
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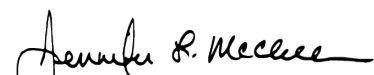
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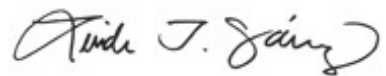
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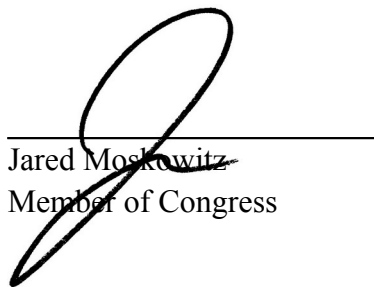
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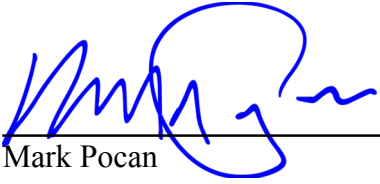
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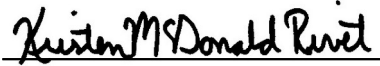
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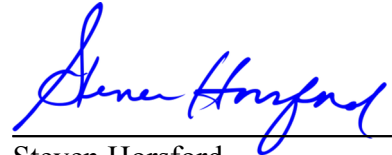
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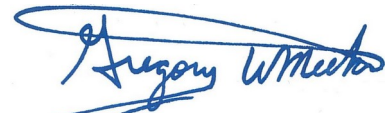
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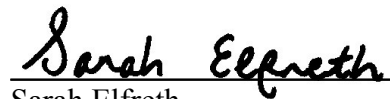
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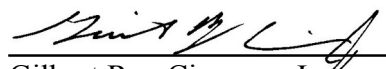
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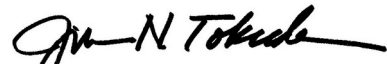
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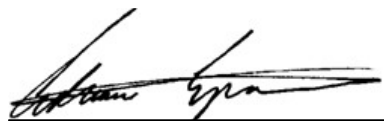
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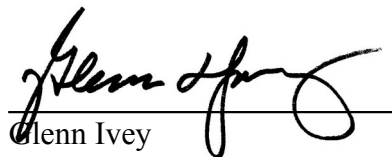
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