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Dear Colleague:

The National Center for Victims of Crime is proud to join our partner, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, in presenting the *2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*.

In developing the *2007 NCVRW Resource Guide*, we have drawn on more than twenty years' experience as the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims, dedicated to forging a national commitment to help victims rebuild their lives. We invite you to learn more about us and to take advantage of the resources we offer at www.ncvc.org and through our National Crime Victim Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL. The Helpline offers crime victims current information on available programs and services, direct advocacy, and referrals to more than 12,000 local organizations that serve crime victims throughout the United States.

This year's theme, "Victims' Rights: Every Victim. Every Time.," summons our nation to advance the rights of victims and expand the services they need to rebuild their lives. It reminds us that every victim deserves respect and compassion, assistance to recover from the impact of crime, and full access to the criminal justice system. It envisions a society that powerfully and systematically supports all victims of crime—regardless of their circumstances.

I hope the *2007 NCVRW Resource Guide* helps inspire your community's observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22–28, 2007. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Leary