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Dear Colleague:

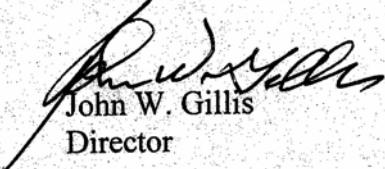
The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims, and providing a leadership role in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. As authorized by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA), OVC annually funds a wide array of activities to improve the delivery of services and support for the implementation of rights for crime victims. For Fiscal Year 2006, OVC is soliciting concept papers for innovative ideas with national scope implications in this regard.

The overarching goals of OVC are to support the enforcement of rights for crime victims; provide victims with access to comprehensive, quality services; integrate victims' issues into all levels of the Nation's educational system; identify, enhance, and replicate promising practices; and listen to and address the concerns of crime victims in the Nation's response to violence and victimization.

If you are interested in submitting a concept for consideration, please visit the OVC Web site at www.ovc.gov for a copy of the concept paper submission guidelines. Examples of national scope initiatives previously supported by OVC may also be found on the OVC Web site.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of concept papers is July 1, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. We look forward to receiving innovative ideas from the field.

Sincerely,



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Director