



**Office of State Representative Dacia Grayber  
House District 28**

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee.

The Federal Victims of Crime Act, also known as VOCA , is the **primary source** of federal grants for victim services, including services for survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, trafficking, attempted homicide, and other crimes. Oregon was recently alerted that federal VOCA funds are being cut by **42%**, creating an **\$18.5M shortfall** for the State of Oregon. VOCA has been a critical part of funding for domestic and sexual assault services since the late 1980s, losing this Federal support is catastrophic for victims and their families. If we do not fund these services, **they will shut down**. I cannot express how devastating this will be for the current and future victims and survivors who will be left without adequate assistance.

Oregon must meet this moment, ensuring we do not fail survivors that are already in difficult and vulnerable circumstances. This Victims of Crime Advocacy Fund is an opportunity for us to provide crucial support for victims of crime, and HB 3196 allocates money to the Department of Justice to backfill the reductions in federal VOCA funding.

I encourage you to **vote in favor of HB 3196**.

Sincerely,

**Dacia Grayber  
Oregon State Representative - HD 28**