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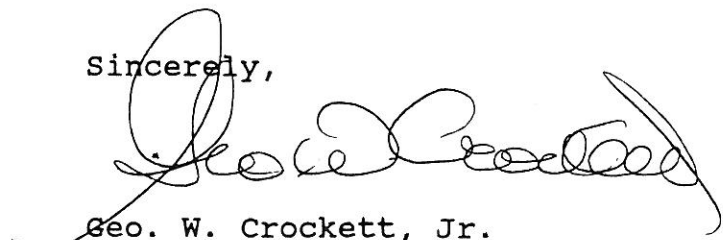
Dear Ms. Sellers:

Thank you very much for your recent correspondence concerning H.R. 4138, which would reauthorize and amend the Victims of Crime Assistance Act.

The House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime is searching for the best way of accomplishing the goals of H.R. 4138. We are currently considering such things as amending the provisions of H.R. 4138 to the Omnibus Drug Act, which is a "must-pass" piece of legislation. No matter what the final vehicle, please be assured that this is a program that most members of the Judiciary Committee feel very strongly about, and we will find a way to get it reauthorized.

I thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Geo. W. Crockett, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Representative George Crockett, Jr.
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Dear Representative Crockett,

As a member of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, I am writing to urge you to schedule an immediate markup of H.R. 4138. I ask you to voice your support of all provisions of this bill, which calls for the continued prioritizing of victim assistance dollars for domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse programs, a removal of the "sunset clause" in VOCA which would permanently re-authorize the bill, and a removal of the spending ceiling. I also urge you not to support any amendments that would jeopardize funding to battered women and abused children's programs.

"It depends"
Plan to reauthorize
permanently + lift
ceiling
may be drag bill

Victim assistance programs, along with child abuse prevention programs, are a vital need in every state, and government assistance is an essential factor in all aspects of assistance given these victims.

Please consider my plea for support of H.R. 4138 and vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

Karen B. Sellers

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