

Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of 360 Communities, I strongly support HF1082, which provides grant funding for organizations offering direct services and advocacy for crime victims. As a leader in domestic violence services, we understand the critical need for resources, especially for survivors of intimate partner violence.

For over 50 years, 360 Communities has been a lifeline for victims of domestic violence, providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and legal support. Consistent and adequate funding is essential to maintain and expand these services, ensuring we can meet the growing demand for assistance. Without such funding, we risk turning away individuals in urgent need of help.

Grant funding not only sustains our programs, but also enables us to build better systems of support that can prevent violence and reach underserved populations, addressing systemic barriers that cause victims to not access help.

We urge your full support for this important bill. By ensuring organizations like ours are adequately funded, we can continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of crime victims.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to improving the lives of crime victims in our community. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

President & CEO 360 Communities