Senator-Elect Beatriz Garcia

348 Front Street

Anytown, MN 56123

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Dear Senator-Elect Garcia:

Congratulations on your election to the Minnesota Senate!

Today I write you to introduce myself and my organization. My name is Kate Jones-Jackson and I’m the executive director of VictimSafe, an agency that provides services to victims of general crime, including victims of assault, robbery, arson, drunk driving, identity theft, and many more. Our service area is the entirety of Smith County and VictimSafe serves an average of 1,100 victims each year.

Just a few of the services VictimSafe provides are guiding victims through the criminal justice process, safety planning, providing support and resources, helping with financial assistance such as crime victim reparations, assisting with obtaining civil protective orders such as Harassment Restraining Orders, and advocating on victims’ behalf with criminal justice system professionals to ensure their rights are upheld, their voices are heard, their interests are represented, and they are treated with dignity and respect.

To quote a victim we served in 2016: “VictimSafe saw me through every step of the court process, making sure I understood what was happening at all times. They listened to me when I needed help and offered me options. I don’t know where I’d be without the advocates at VictimSafe, who helped me feel safe and supported.”

VictimSafe is proud to be a member of the Minnesota Alliance Crime (MAC), the statewide coalition of more than 50 general crime programs whose mission is connecting systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime. For more information on MAC, please see their web site at www.mnallianceoncrime.org.

I invite you to visit VictimSafe the next time you’re home in Anytown so you can meet our staff. We’d love to talk with you about how our organization supports your constituents who have been victimized and also about some of the unmet needs for victims that remain in your district. Please feel free to contact me any time to set up a time to meet at kjones@victimsafemn.org or (320) 555-1234.

Once again, I congratulate you on your election to the Senate. I hope you have a productive and positive first legislative session.

Sincerely,

Kate Jones-Jackson

Executive Director