



November 13, 2017

Hon. Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Mr. Chairman,

It is with great enthusiasm that I, on behalf of the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), our nation's largest and oldest victim advocacy organization, inform you of our support for ultimate passage of the Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act. Since 1975, NOVA has been dedicated to assisting victims of crime, victims of mass casualties, or survivors of natural disasters to understand and normalize their reactions to increasingly abnormal situations and allow them to begin their physical, emotional, and financial recovery. The Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act, through your efforts, will go a long way toward helping the most vulnerable heal.

We are excited that this legislation improves the process for seeking restitution from child pornography defendants. The bill also offers victims a monetary assistance alternative from the Crime Victim Fund (without extracting or diverting funds from VOCA), requires the appointment of a guardian to act on behalf of the victim in court, and allows victims access to the defendants' images depicting them.

Thank you so much for your dedicated attention to the victims of crime in our country, especially those young victims of child pornography.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Barajas".

Chief Justice Richard Barajas (Ret.)
Executive Director