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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to present the *2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*, developed in partnership with the National Center for Victims of Crime. The guide offers an invaluable set of resources to help you plan this year's observance of National Crime Victims' Week (NCVRW), April 13–19, 2008.

The 2008 NCVRW theme, "Justice for Victims. Justice for All.," evokes the highest American ideals, boldly stating that without justice to victims, there can be no justice for all. The theme affirms decades of effort to ensure rights, protections, and services for victims of crime. It reminds our nation how far victims' rights have come and how far we still have to go.

The Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, takes great pride in helping communities throughout the United States observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As we confront ever more complex challenges—violent crime in our major cities, gangs, terrorism, and evolving forms of financial crime—we remind the public that victims bear the brunt of crime. We also contend that because crime can strike anyone, victims' rights are everyone's rights.

In preparing for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we celebrate and honor our colleagues who offer guidance, information, support, and encouragement to victims throughout the year. As we share with the nation the values that inspire our work, we thank you for your commitment and for the honor of serving with you. We look forward—through our joint efforts in 2008—to historic progress in achieving justice for victims and justice for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Gillis".

John W. Gillis
Director