

# Illinois Victims

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To Members of the United States Congress;

This letter is to express our strong support for the nomination of Eric Holder to be Attorney General of the United States. Our organization, IllinoisVictims.org, is the statewide victims' rights and victim advocacy organization in the state of Illinois. We represent the grassroots support of thousands of victims' families across the state in advocacy for their rights in the criminal justice system, and in legislative and public policy matters.

We are all too aware of all the ways that the Criminal Justice system often fails victims of crime. We hear stories everyday about these failures that are heartbreaking. We know that sound leadership at the top of that criminal justice system nationally will be significant in its impact on the many victims of violent crime in the United States, and especially here in Illinois. Such stable and effective leadership will do a great deal to change the entire fabric of life in America.

We were thrilled with the selection of Mr. Holder to be the Attorney General and we know he will be an excellent one. We urge his prompt and unanimous affirmation, and we look forward to working with him and with all of you to advance the much-needed improvements regarding enforceability of the rights of victims of crime across the United States.

Sincerely,

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