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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
The Honorable Jon Ossoff  
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Justice for Murder Victims Act

Dear Senators Grassley and Ossoff,

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to support and enhance the effectiveness of prosecutors in their efforts to create safer communities. We are a national organization supporting all prosecutors, including both appointed and elected, as well as their deputies and assistants. APA serves as an advocate on prominent issues and is committed to providing assistance to prevent crime and ensure justice.

On behalf of APA, I am writing in support of your bipartisan efforts regarding the proposed Justice for Murder Victims Act. This Act will eliminate the antiquated “year-and-a-day” rule, which limits Federal prosecutors’ ability to hold violent offenders accountable. The passing of this Act will not only provide justice for the victims and their families but is crucial to ensure that justice is upheld in our communities.

The updated bill ensures that homicides can be prosecuted under Federal law without regard to the time elapsed between the act or omission that caused the death of the victim and the death itself. This change is essential to allow Federal prosecutors to fully pursue the administration of justice. By removing this limitation, the Act will enhance public safety by ensuring that violent offenders can be held accountable regardless of the time elapsed between the act that caused the death and the death itself. This empowers prosecutors to pursue justice more effectively, as it removes the limitation that previously hindered the prosecution of certain homicide cases.

APA appreciates your efforts and attention to guide this legislation. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact me directly at [nikki.parisi@apainc.org](mailto:nikki.parisi@apainc.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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