

Become a Recruiter

The Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus

Ask your member of Congress to join the Caucus.

Local programs may want to use the information below in meetings with their members of Congress, to make them aware of the Caucus and encourage them to join. Before you ask your member of Congress, be sure to check and see whether he or she is already a member of the Caucus! Go to <http://vrc.poe.house.gov/Membership/>.

Currently, the PA Reps already on the Caucus are Carney, Doyle, Holden, and Platts.

The bipartisan Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus was formed in 2005 by Rep. Ted Poe (R, TX-02) and Rep. Jim Costa (D, CA-20), who today serve as its co-chairs.

The mission of the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus is to elevate crime victim issues in Congress in a bipartisan manner without infringing on the rights of the accused, and to represent and to advocate before the Administration and within Congress on behalf of crime victims.

The Caucus has three main goals:

- To represent crime victims in the United States through the bipartisan introduction of legislation that reflects their interests, rights, and needs.
- To provide an ongoing forum for dialog between the Congress and national victim assistance organizations to enhance mutual education, legislative advocacy and initiatives that promote justice for all, including crime victims.
- To seek opportunities for public education initiatives to help people in America understand the impact of crime on victims, and to encourage their involvement in crime prevention, victim assistance, and community safety.

The Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus has already proven to be an effective leader in advocating for crime victims. Since founded in 2005, the Caucus has taken a leading role in protecting programs that provide critical financial support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Caucus was also instrumental in the enactment of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 and has co-sponsored resolutions recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National Stalking Awareness Month, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and National Remembrance for Murder Victims.

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