

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Joye E. Frost
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U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Ms. Frost:

My colleagues and I write to express our support for Contra Costa County's application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Victims of Crime (OVC) grants program for Comprehensive Services for Victims of All Forms of Human Trafficking.

Since 2009, Contra Costa County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative (Zero Tolerance) has engaged in comprehensive efforts to combat human trafficking. We are told that since expanding services to include anti-human trafficking initiatives, Contra Costa County partners have built a county-wide, multidisciplinary Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition; provided a forum for coordination and training; developed and delivered training curricula across the county; and developed outreach activities to better identify and serve victims of human trafficking.

Through a 2010 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program, Zero Tolerance utilized its county-wide network of service providers, law enforcement, and policy makers to formalize the aforementioned anti-human trafficking initiatives.

We understand that the majority of services provided to trafficking victims over the past several years were overseen by Zero Tolerance partner Community Violence Solutions (CVS), Contra Costa's sexual assault community services agency and the primary implementing partner for this OVC grant. We were also informed that it is due to grant funding that Zero Tolerance, Community Violence Solutions, and their partners have been successful in their human trafficking prevention efforts, and that continued funding will maintain and enhance their initiatives.

We ask that Contra Costa County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative's application receive a full and thorough review and I hope you will give their request your serious consideration. If our offices can provide further information, please feel free to contact Congressman DeSaulnier's office at (510) 620-1000.

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

Eric Swalwell
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Mike Thompson
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