Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

We write in strong support of the State of Nevada's grant application for a Victims of Crime Grant through the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program.

The 1 October tragedy that occurred in Las Vegas was the worst mass shooting in modern history. People attending a music festival with friends and family for a night of fun were suddenly faced with a massacre that at best left people traumatized and mentally shaken and at worst took the lives of family, friends, and community members. First responders ran into harm's way to bring calm to a chaotic situation and save lives while risking their own.

As survivors face physical and emotional recoveries and loved ones of victims cope with painful loss, we must do everything in our power to ease the burdens associated with this tragedy. A family having to bury a loved one should not also have to worry about funeral costs, medical bills, or accessing mental health services; and a survivor should be solely focused on recovery rather than how quickly he or she can get back to work to earn a paycheck.

We have great confidence that the Nevada's Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services will be a steadfast steward of this grant funding to help the victims and our community heal. With this grant, our community will be able to bolster Clark County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center and provide support to victims, first responders, and their families. This grant will assuage some of Nevada's costs associated with victim advocacy and education; vocational rehabilitation; legal assistance; funding for first responders; and a proactive, ongoing media campaign and outreach to victims.

Hundreds of people involved in the massacre have already sought financial assistance from the state, and our community faces an additional challenge of reaching the thousands of victims who came from across the United States and around the world to make sure they know how to access the services and financial support available to them. We respectfully request your swift approval

to ensure people can get the counseling, rehabilitation, and financial assistance they desperately need. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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