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Dear friends and supporters:

It is with much regret that I must inform you of some very discouraging news concerning the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC). Sadly, the CRCVC has been notified by the Canadian Police Association (CPA), our core funder, that they will no longer be able to continue funding our efforts. The CPA intends to discontinue their financial support within the next few weeks. This decision came unexpectedly and has left the future of the CRCVC in an extremely vulnerable state — we must find alternative core funding immediately, or face the prospect of shutting down.

I am sure that you can appreciate how alarming this news is, not only for our staff, but for the hundreds of victims and families impacted by crime with whom we work. It is our desire to continue our valuable efforts on behalf of victims of crime in Canada. With that in mind, I have reached out to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, a personal supporter of the CRCVC, in hopes that he will direct the federal government to take over as the core funder of our organization. I am optimistic that Prime Minister Harper will recognize that the CRCVC helps hundreds of victims each year for approximately the same amount of annual funding that is required to incarcerate one federal prisoner.

**We need your help!** Please show your support of the CRCVC by writing to the Prime Minister. In doing so, please feel free to download the form letter as a [PDF](#) or [Word Doc](#), and send it by email ([harper.s@parl.gc.ca](mailto:harper.s@parl.gc.ca) or [mpm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:mpm@pm.gc.ca)), fax (613-941-6900) or mail to his office.

I thank you for your ongoing support of the Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime.

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