



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
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Secretary of Public Safety
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To Virginia's Victim Service Providers,

During this difficult and trying time, I recognize that Virginia's victim service providers continue to resolutely serve those most in need. The ever-changing landscape of how we navigate our lives during this pandemic impacts us personally and professionally. You are on the front lines, ensuring that victims and their families receive assistance and support.

People experiencing victimization may be more at risk during this time, so you are likely receiving more calls, questions, and referrals. And for many of you, you don't have the option to stay at home -- your work requires that you still go to your office, your department, to court, or to other sites. I know that this potential exposure to those with COVID-19 must be extremely stressful for you and your families.

As more of us are impacted by this crisis, you remain a source of strength and hope for victims. Through your advocacy efforts, victims realize they are not alone, even if they currently feel isolated. I truly commend you and your colleagues. Let's all serve as sources of encouragement and inspiration for one another, and know that our unity in this time will forever be a reminder of our creativity and resilience in service delivery.

Governor Northam and I thank you for your commitment to assisting those most in need.

With Deep Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Moran".

Brian J. Moran
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