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SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Honorable Chairs,

I am pleased to submit the enclosed report on the Domestic Violence Service Provider Grant program established by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023, line item 0511-0420.

Established in 2000, the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) protects survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape and stalking by giving enrolled participants a protected address to use with state and municipal agencies. When survivors move to get away from perpetrators of violence, enrollment in the ACP keeps their new address out of public records.

The ACP is only one component of a vast array of services available to survivors. Because these services differ across regions and are provided by a myriad of public agencies and private non-profit service providers, I sought to promote awareness of services available to survivors based on their location and diverse needs.

As you will see in the report, the grant program was successful in empowering non-profits to conduct outreach and awareness activities; in turn educating students, employees and members of the general public on the warning signs and providing a lifeline to people in need *before* tragedy occurs. I am happy to address any questions you may have regarding this report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Francis Galvin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" at the end.

William Francis Galvin
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