



## American College of Preventive Medicine

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### **Omnibus Fully Funds National Violent Death Reporting System**

Washington, D.C., March 23, 2018 – The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM)—the convener of the [National Violence Prevention Network](#)—applauds Congress for increasing funding for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) in the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) omnibus package to allow the program to expand to all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NVDRS is a comprehensive, linked reporting system that collects and centralizes information on violent deaths, including homicides and suicides from a variety of sources such as medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement, hospitals, public health officials, and crime labs. Information from NVDRS provides a better understanding of circumstances surrounding violent deaths and helps public health officials and organizations put into place effective prevention policies and programs.

“Funding for NVDRS means an investment in protecting the lives of Americans,” said ACPM Executive Director Michael Barry, CAE. “NVDRS is a cost-effective program that yields high quality data, giving public health and law enforcement officials the ability to analyze trends and devise strategies to address the factors that contribute to these deaths. Fully implementing this system throughout the country is a promising step towards meaningful research and policy interventions to reduce violent deaths, including deaths from gun violence.”

In previous years, NVDRS had added states to the program as funding would allow. This is the first year that Congress has appropriated funding to reach all 50 states.

The National Violence Prevention Network is a broad-based coalition of local, state, and national organizations dedicated to violent death prevention by advocating for the full implementation of NVDRS in the United States. Sponsoring the coalition is a natural extension of ACPM’s role in leading public health initiatives that protect the lives and health of the public.

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The American College of Preventive Medicine is a medical society for physician specialists with expertise in both clinical care and population health. The College advances the practice of preventive medicine in public health and health systems, and advocates for health policies that work to prevent disease, promote health, and avert health crises.