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Dear Colleague:

Please join us in sending the attached letter to Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro and Ranking Member Tom Cole urging the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to request \$29.5 million for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) and \$11.6 million for the Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (SVIPP) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) budget in Fiscal Year 2022.

Each year 192,000 people die as a result of violence and unintentional injuries. The NVDRS and Core SVIPP are state-based programs administered through CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) that fund state efforts to prevent deaths from violence and injuries. Not only are injuries the leading cause of death for children and adults between the ages of 1 and 45, the estimated lifetime medical and work loss costs associated with fatal and non-fatal injuries in the United States is \$671 billion.

We believe that the NVDRS and Core SVIPP programs are a cost-effective and integral component to the long-term success of state efforts to successfully address their injury and violent death prevention needs.

To sign this year's letter, please fill out this [online form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Mansbach with Congressman Quigley at Hannah.Mansbach@mail.house.gov or Chris Goldson with Congresswoman Moore at Chris.Goldson@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

MIKE QUIGLEY

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FULL TEXT OF LETTER BELOW

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro	The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair	Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies	Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515	Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2022 (FY 2022) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we request \$29.5 million for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) and \$11.6 million for the Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program (SVIPP) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) budget.

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The NVDRS is a state-based surveillance system that links information from multiple data sources – death certificates, state/local medical examiner, coroner, and law enforcement records – to create a more complete picture of the circumstances surrounding violent deaths. One of the hallmarks of the system is that it does not require the collection of any new data; it simply supports centralization of data already collected when a violent death occurs. The system tracks deaths caused by child abuse, domestic abuse, suicide, and homicide, which enables states to develop effective strategies to address root causes and implement strategies for prevention. Furthermore, the NVDRS allows the public health research community to access a rich data set that can be analyzed to study the circumstances that lead to violent deaths in our communities.

State NVDRS findings include:

- In **Wisconsin**, NVDRS data showed that 41% of youth suicide deaths were committed with a firearm. Additionally, the data showed that groups at the highest risk for suicide in **Wisconsin** include youth in more rural counties, American Indian/Alaska Natives, LGBTQ persons, and veterans.^[3]
- NVDRS data in **Illinois** showed that suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the state

resulting in more than 1,000 deaths each year. Furthermore, the data noted that white women represent 80% of suicide deaths among women in **Illinois** with middle-aged women between 45-54 being at highest risk for suicide^[4].

While these findings allow states to target violent death prevention programs, enhanced funding is needed to support greater analysis and dissemination of NVDRS data, expand NVDRS data linkage opportunities, and improve state outreach to data partners at the local level. Additional funding will be needed to allow these states to fully implement NVDRS within their borders.

The Core SVIPP is the sole federal program that supports states as they build the 'core' injury and violence prevention program infrastructure. States use this funding to build, strengthen, and maintain their injury and violence prevention programs with a focus on making the best use of the data, designing, implementing and evaluating prevention programs, and affecting public behavior and knowledge on these issues.

Unfortunately, only 23 states currently receive Core SVIPP support due to multiple years of level funding. Additionally, grants have been capped at \$250,000 per state for the past decade despite growing state violence and injury prevention needs. The issues of injury and violence are a national problem and additional funding in FY 2022 will allow more states to participate, bolster the program's impact, and deliver additional resources to help states save lives and prevent injuries.

Examples of programs implemented with Core SVIPP funds include:

- **Nebraska** is using Core SVIPP funds to reduce teen driver fatalities by leading a parent education media campaign around the state's Graduated Driver Licensing law. In addition, **Nebraska** is increasing the number of schools participating in CDC's *Teens in the Driver Seat* program, a teen-driven, peer-to-peer educational program that focuses solely on traffic safety and addresses all major driving risks for this age group.^[5]
- Core SVIPP funds in **Arizona** are used to provide epidemiology support and surveillance data to the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program (SVPEP), which addresses sexual violence. SVPEP uses the data to identify trends, monitor changes, and guide program decision making.^[6]

We believe that the NVDRS and Core SVIPP programs are a cost-effective and integral component to the long-term success of state efforts to successfully address their injury and violent death prevention needs. Please support an FY '22 allocation of \$29.5 million for the NVDRS and \$11.6 million for the Core SVIPP.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[1] <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/communicationresources/infographics/nvdrs-infographic.html>

[2] <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/about/>