

WASHINGTON COALITION OF CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES



2014 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates (WCCVA) is a private, non-profit organization (501 C3). WCCVA is comprised of individuals, agencies and organizations that are working together to improve services for victims of crime and strengthen victims' rights in the state of Washington.

FUNDING FOR CRIME VICTIM SERVICE CENTERS AND VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS

WCCVA will take an active role in maintaining funding levels for Crime Victim Service Centers and victim service programs. WCCVA will support efforts to maintain funding levels for services to all victims of crime. WCCVA will take an active role in seeking new funding opportunities to maintain and enhance crime victim advocacy programs.

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM BENEFITS AND FUNDING

WCCVA strongly opposes elimination or reduction of any Crime Victims Compensation Program benefits.

CRIME VICTIM INPUT

WCCVA will support public policy initiatives that would increase opportunities for victims to participate in criminal justice proceedings and decisions. Oppose measures that would diminish or restrict those opportunities.

CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION

WCCVA will support legislation that would strengthen notification to victims of crime about their rights under the law.

PRIVACY RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS

WCCVA will support public policy initiatives that uphold victims' privacy rights, and oppose any measures that erode those rights. WCCVA will support proposals that clarify and remove court authority in requiring victim and witnesses in a criminal case to be deposed and/or to have their interview with defense counsel recorded.

COLLECTION OF RESTITUTION AND OTHER LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

WCCVA will support legislation that strengthens the justice system's ability to collect court-ordered restitution to crime victims and other legal financial obligations. Oppose legislation that weakens the justice system's ability to collect court-ordered restitution to crime victims and other legal financial obligations.

SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking can include the recruiting, harboring or selling of an adult or child, for purposes of forced labor, involuntary servitude, prostitution, and commercial sex acts. WCCVA supports measures that would improve access to services for survivors and proposals that strengthen laws for prosecution.

INCREASED PENALTIES FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING

WCCVA will support measures aimed to reduce deaths and harm done by impaired driving as recommended by the Washington Impaired Driving Workgroup Report.

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