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Statement of National Crime Victim Law Institute re: Aurora, Colorado Shooting

Our thoughts are with the victims, their loved ones, and the entire community of Aurora, Colorado in the aftermath of today's shooting tragedy. These victims, like all victims, deserve access to support and services. They will need our support and services not only today, but in the difficult weeks, months, and years to come.

Very quickly, these victims will be thrust into a confusing and sometimes frightening criminal justice system as the investigation moves forward. During this journey it is critical that among the services that each victim has access to are no cost legal services. They need to have every question answered and every right protected, so that their experience in our system helps rather than impedes their path of healing.

In short, these victims need all of us to stand with them through this difficult time both in spirit and in action. NCVLI is committed to ensuring that not a single victim navigates the system alone if they want help. If you are an attorney in Colorado and you would like to assist, please contact NCVLI. We will be working with the Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center (www.rmvictimlaw.org) to coordinate the effort to ensure no cost legal services are available to each of these victims.

Founded in 1998, the [National Crime Victim Law Institute](http://www.ncvli.org) is a national resource for crime victim lawyers and victims to support the assertion and enforcement of victims' rights in criminal and civil processes. NCVLI continues to be the only national organization whose mission is focused on enforcement of victims' rights in the courts.