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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Dear Colleague:

The NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS) is seeking candidates for an appointment to its Advisory Council. OVS requests the assistance of present council members, coalitions, and other interested parties in extending invitations to potential new members to apply to fill a recent vacancy.

The Council has the duty to encourage public understanding of the needs of victims and the status of victims' rights. Further, the Council advises OVS in establishing statewide goals and objectives for advancing services to victims and implementing victims' rights. OVS strives to maintain a council of 16 members appointed by the Office that reflects the diversity of the state and its people. Members must have an active interest in or obtained professional knowledge of the problems, needs and treatment of victims. Members must also maintain active membership in one of the five regional crime victim service provider's coalitions.

Members are appointed for one three-year term. Meetings are held quarterly and members may participate via videoconference from any of the OVS offices or by teleconference if travel is an issue.

Anyone interested in seeking appointment to the Advisory Council should submit a statement of interest or expertise and a resume by October 24, 2014 to:

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Please contact Kim Spoonhower, (518) 457-5001 if you have any questions or need additional information.

On behalf of the Office, we look forward to working with you in our continued effort to provide the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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Director