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House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Jim Jordan
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support of Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan:

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to support and enhance the effectiveness of prosecutors in their efforts to create safer communities. We are a national organization supporting all prosecutors, including both appointed and elected, as well as their deputies and assistants.

On behalf of the APA, I am writing in support of your efforts regarding the proposed Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act. This Act will give homicide victims' families and loved ones a reignited hope that justice may still be afforded to the victims of these crimes. The provisions in this Act will grant the opportunity for cold cases to be reopened so that new investigations, utilizing the latest testing and investigative techniques, may produce results which previous methods were unable to achieve. With the steady increase of cold cases this Act is integral to providing an opportunity to ensure that justice is upheld in our communities.

The APA remains committed to working with congressional leaders, victims' families and loved ones, and victims' rights organizations in support of this Act. We believe that this Act will not only aid the grieving families and communities but will improve the entirety of the criminal justice system.

APA appreciates your time and efforts on the Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact me directly at david.labahn@apainc.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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President/CEO