



The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

August 5, 2022

Re: Support of the Nomination of Rosie Hidalgo to Director of Office of Violence Against Women at DOJ

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

The undersigned organizations are part of the Keep Kids Safe Movement representing leading organizations working to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse, where many of us are survivors of abuse in childhood ourselves. We join together to advocate in support for the nomination of Rosie Hidalgo to Director of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) at the Department of Justice.

As you know, Ms. Hidalgo currently serves on the White House Gender Policy Council as the Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and as Special Assistant to the President. Several of us have worked with her for years in her professional roles at Casa De Esperanza, as Deputy Director for Policy at OVW, and in her current role. Based on our experiences working with Ms. Hidalgo, we believe she is an exemplary nominee for this role.

Rosie Hidalgo has worked to end gender-based violence for more than 25 years as a national policy advocate and a public servant. She is beloved by the advocacy community and known for her leadership

and vision. Having been a champion of the bipartisan reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Crime Act fix, Ms. Hidalgo is perfectly positioned to administer Congress's priorities at OVW for the nineteen grant programs, including formula and discretionary programs. In addition to her strong bipartisan relationship on Capitol Hill, she also possesses strong relationships throughout the Department of Justice and with other agencies to aid in collaboration and strategic thinking about how the federal government can best support states, localities, and frontline providers in preventing and addressing child sexual abuse.

Our organizations that are part of Keep Kids Safe are proud to support Rosie Hidalgo's nomination to lead the Office on Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice. Thank you in advance for your support and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Katy Flynn at kflynn@keep-kids-safe.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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