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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH), I write today to express our **support for the nomination of Rosemarie (Rosie) Hidalgo to serve as the next Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U.S. Department of Justice.**

For over 20 years, NCDVTMH, a member of the Domestic Violence Resource Network, has enhanced agency- and system-level responses to survivors and their families through comprehensive training and technical assistance, research and evaluation, policy development, and public awareness. Emphasizing an accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed (ACRTI) approach, we offer training and consultation to domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, programs, and coalitions; healthcare, mental health, and substance use treatment providers; legal and child welfare professionals; and local, state, and federal policymakers.

The Director of OVW plays a critical leadership role on preventing and addressing domestic and sexual violence and all forms of gender-based violence. While we use a public health approach, OVW has expanded its previous focus on criminal justice response to include more support for prevention and for a more holistic approach to serving survivors and their families. Rosie's federal policy experience advocating for survivors of gender-based violence, her trauma-informed approach, and her deep commitment to helping women of color and marginalized communities make her the ideal individual to lead OVW.

NCDVTMH has worked with Rosie in her various professional roles and has complete confidence that she will be an outstanding champion of the office and its mission. Given Rosie's professional expertise, familiarity with OVW's grant programs, and commitment to the agency's mission, I cannot think of a better candidate. Again, we are delighted to support Rosie Hidalgo's nomination as Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cwarshaw@ncdvtmh.org.

Sincerely,

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