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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE
2019 VOCA ADMINISTRATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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SAN DIEGO – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed a gathering of 350 Victims of Crime Act state victim assistance and compensation administrators and staff and other guests. PDAAG Sullivan emphasized the Justice Department's and the Attorney General's staunch support of crime victims and discussed the historic levels of funding made available during the Trump Administration for victim services.

She was joined by the director of OJP's Office for Victims of Crime, Darlene Hutchinson, and the head of OVC's State Compensation and Assistance Division, Kate Peterson, along with several members of the OVC staff.

OVC administers the federal Crime Victims Fund, which is made up of fines, penalties and bond forfeitures collected from federal criminal defendants. In fiscal year 2018, OVC distributed \$4.4 billion from the fund, most of it to support some 7,000 direct service programs in communities across the nation. OVC is making an additional \$3.3 billion available this year. These dollars provide support for countless victims and help reimburse about a quarter-million victims annually for out-of-pocket expenses.

PDAAG Sullivan has spent her career fighting for crime victims. She pledged to continue to champion their cause as head of OJP. Before joining OJP, she led the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women. As a Deputy District Attorney earlier in her career, she worked closely with victim advocates and law enforcement, and as a private attorney she was a member of the Colorado 9th Judicial District Victim Compensation Board. She also served as a state trial court judge.

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