

1 [Supporting United States House of Representatives Bill 8426 (Simon) - Crime Survivor
2 Support and Stability Act of 2026]

3 **Resolution supporting United States House of Representatives Bill 8426, the Crime**
4 **Survivor Support and Stability Act of 2026, introduced by Representatives Lateefah**
5 **Simon and Emilia Sykes, which would direct states to enumerate and protect survivor**
6 **rights, establish a federal grant program for direct cash assistance to survivors of**
7 **violence through community-based organizations, and authorize state-level victim**
8 **needs surveys to strengthen the evidence base for future federal investments.**

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10 WHEREAS, Violent victimization imposes substantial economic and social costs on
11 individuals and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported approximately 6.4 million violent
13 victimizations in the United States in 2023, with associated costs for survivors—including
14 medical expenses, lost wages, and mental health services—totaling tens of billions of dollars
15 annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Existing victim compensation programs frequently condition eligibility on
17 reporting or cooperating with law enforcement or prosecution, excluding many survivors —
18 including immigrants, domestic violence survivors, and individuals with prior justice
19 involvement — from accessing available support; and

20 WHEREAS, These conditions cause the financial toll of victimization to fall most
21 severely on those with the fewest resources; and

22 WHEREAS, Prior victimization is among the strongest predictors of future violence,
23 underscoring the need for accessible, flexible support systems capable of breaking cycles of
24 harm and improving long-term public safety; and

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1 WHEREAS, United States House of Representatives Bill H.R. 8426, the Crime Survivor
2 Support and Stability Act of 2026, introduced by Representatives Lateefah Simon and Emilia
3 Sykes, would direct states to review and revise their laws to ensure survivors are accorded
4 enumerated rights, including rights to community-based trauma services, emergency financial
5 assistance, stable housing, job-protected leave, debt forgiveness, and legal assistance related
6 to housing, employment, immigration, and family matters; and

7 WHEREAS, Under H.R. 8426, those survivor rights would not be conditioned on
8 reporting or cooperating with law enforcement, nor on the survivor's immigration status,
9 housing status, arrest or conviction record; and

10 WHEREAS, Cash assistance distributed through the grant program would be excluded
11 from income and asset calculations under federal means-tested programs and from gross
12 income under the Internal Revenue Code, ensuring that assistance does not reduce survivors'
13 eligibility for other public benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, H.R. 8426 would establish a grant program within the Department of
15 Justice's Office for Victims of Crime to fund community-based organizations in distributing
16 direct, flexible cash assistance to survivors of violence and their family members, with \$40
17 million authorized annually for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031; and

18 WHEREAS, Community-based organizations in the City and County of San Francisco
19 are well positioned to administer flexible, accessible assistance to survivors, particularly those
20 who have been excluded from traditional support systems; and

21 WHEREAS, Direct financial assistance delivered through trusted community-based
22 organizations often leads to better outcomes for individuals and communities than the
23 alternatives; and

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1 WHEREAS, H.R. 8426 would further authorize the Bureau of Justice Statistics to make
2 grants to states for annual victim needs surveys, documenting service gaps and survivor
3 experiences to inform future federal investments; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 supports H.R. 8426, the Crime Survivor Support and Stability Act of 2026, as a measured and
6 evidence-based improvement to federal law governing support for survivors of violence; and,
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco encourages timely adoption of H.R. 8426 to ensure that survivors of violence
10 receive the support they need to achieve safety, stability, and recovery; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this
12 Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Chair Jim Jordan
13 and Ranking Member Jamie Raskin of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Chair Jason
14 Smith and Ranking Member Richard Neal of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and
15 the offices of San Francisco's Congressional delegation.