

Below is a sample email to send to your two Senators and Representative on the Dear Colleague letter NVPN is working with Congressional offices on advancing. This is just a template – feel free to use your own words in your email.

Request for Dear Colleague Signatories

Dear Rep./Sen. XXX,

I am a _____ from (city, state), and I ask that you sign the Dear Colleague letter circulated by Rep. Quigley and Senator Blumenthal requesting an allocation of \$32.5 million in FY 2018 to fund the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) at \$23.5 million to expand funding to all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Currently only 42 states receive funding, and another two states have successfully applied for grants but received no money due to insufficient funding. NVDRS is an integral part of the long-term success of local efforts to better understand and reduce violent deaths in our communities. Please sign on by contacting Brooke Stuedell in Rep. Quigley's office (Brooke.Stuedell@mail.house.gov) or Laurel Sakai in Senator Blumenthal's office (Laurel_Sakai@blumenthal.senate.gov).

Sincerely,