



Sample script for emailing your state representatives and senators to support the passing of [Bill H.4496](#), to ensure a \$20M lifeline investment for victim services.

For Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) leaders/staff, Multidisciplinary team (MDT) members and/or service providers:

Email Subject Line: VOCA Bridge in H.4496 | [your program/county]

Dear Senator/Representative [last name],

My name is [your name], and I am a [survivor, provider, program director, etc.]. I am asking you to the **VOCA Bridge** support MOVA's request for a \$20M lifeline investment for victim services, by expeditiously passing **H.4496** (*An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to supplement certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects*). Continued state support will stabilize essential victim service programs in every county of the state and ensure that access to high-quality, trauma-informed services remain accessible amid catastrophic reductions in federal funding.

[Detail how VOCA funding is important to your CAC/programs/services/staff, how award reductions without VOCA Bridge funding will negatively impact your agency and, how this will impact services for victims of child sexual abuse or exploitation].

[For example:]

Without additional state investment:

- We will lose X amount of funding to our Center/Program
- We have to cut X number of staff
- X number of children will be unable to access lifesaving services (CSEC, Mental Health, etc.)

I respectfully ask you to support survivor services by fully funding the VOCA Bridge to build upon the commitment made to ensure the sustainability of victim services throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you for your time and thank you in advance for your support of survivors in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

[your name, and include your address if you feel comfortable]



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As a concerned citizen:

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Dear Senator/Representative [last name],

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Children's Advocacy Centers are facing up to a 25% cut, jeopardizing services for thousands of children in need.

As a constituent, I respectfully ask [your Representative/Senator name] to support survivor services by fully funding the VOCA Bridge to build upon the commitment made to ensure the sustainability of victim services throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you for your time and thank you in advance for your support of survivors in Massachusetts.

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