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## Casey, Evans Continue Push to Provide Resources for Victims of Gun Violence

*Bill Would Establish An Advisory Council to Help Survivors of Gun Violence, As Well As Their Families, Classmates and Coworkers*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and U.S. Representative Dwight Evans (D-PA-3) reintroduced legislation that would help create a support network for victims of gun violence, including survivors and their families, friends, classmates and coworkers. There are many programs and benefits at the federal, state and local levels that may help victims address medical, legal, financial and other needs. Yet these opportunities can be difficult to find and navigate, as victims noted in a 2018 Philadelphia Inquirer feature titled [Shot and Forgotten](#). The [Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act](#) seeks to address these challenges by establishing an interagency Advisory Council to gather and disseminate resources and information for victims of gun violence.

"Victims of gun violence and their loved ones should not be left in the dark to cope with their trauma alone," **said Senator Casey**. "In addition to continuing to push for common-sense gun safety laws, we must provide support and resources to survivors and their families, friends and caregivers. Gun violence is an increasingly pervasive issue in our country, with about 100 individuals being killed daily with guns in the United States. This bill aims to alleviate some of the burden that millions of affected Americans carry each day by offering life-long support in their recovery."

"I'm optimistic about the chances of gaining support for our bill," **said Congressman Evans**. "This bill has nothing to do with gun rights and everything to do with helping victims of crime. This is something Americans across the political spectrum should be able to support. I thank Senator Casey for his leadership on this issue."

***More on The Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act:***

- The interagency Advisory Council would be composed of federal representatives from HHS, DOJ, the Department of Education, HUD, the VA, the Social Security Administration and other agencies, as well as victims of gun violence and victim assistance professionals like social workers and medical professionals.
- The Advisory Council would be required to assess the needs of victims of gun violence, including survivors and their friends, families and coworkers, and help them learn about and access a variety of resources, programs and benefits (including medical, legal, financial, educational, workplace, housing, transportation, assistive technology and accessibility needs).
- In addition to disseminating information to the public, the Advisory Council would be required to submit to Congress a report on these resources and identify any gaps in policy that the government could address.

The Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act is also co-sponsored by Senators Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).

***Read more about The Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act [here](#).***

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