Chairman Marvin Abney House Finance Committee RI State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Re: Testimony in support of H5390

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the committee.

I am writing in strong support of Representative Craven's bill H5390, the Victims of Crime Trauma Informed Mobilization (VICTIM) Act.

My name is Stephanie Clemente, and I am a Sr. Assistant Vice President at Amica Insurance. I live in Cumberland, RI with my husband and two small children and I serve on the board of Sojourner House. While we are facing significant and looming budget cuts at the federal level, our organization, along with many others, is seeing a greater need for our services from our community members.

Without addition of a line item in the state of RI budget dedicated specifically to these services, our community members will be at risk of being unable to access emergency and ongoing support and care needed to remove themselves from dangerous situations and stop the cycle of abuse. Being in the minority of states who have not yet prioritized this work on the budget is disappointing.

Please pass the Victims of Crime Trauma Informed Mobilization Act this year.

Thank you for your time and review of this testimony. Please contact me at Stephanie.Clemente86@gmail.com if you have any questions about our work or this testimony.

Sincerely,

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