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My fellow Texan,

I want to thank you for taking time to visit our Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Most people who land on this page carry with them the pain of a personal tragedy that has, undoubtedly, forever changed their life and the lives of those they love. To those victims of crime and their families, I offer my deepest sympathy. Thankfully, I am also able to afford you the promise that my office will work with you and assist you with help that is available.

Each year, the Crime Victims' Compensation Program staff works tirelessly to walk with victims and their families through the dark days following a tragedy and offers hope and help through dollars that are available from the State of Texas for reimbursement for qualifying expenses and financial loss due to violent crime. Resources may be readily available to victims and their families to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses, counseling services, lost wages, funeral expenses, and other crime related expenses. I commit to everyone in Texas impacted by tragedies like these to fight for every dollar for which you may be reimbursed, within the statutes that guide this compensation program.

On the following pages, you will be asked to initially answer questions about the crime that has affected you and your family. For many, these questions will be painful to answer, but will help my staff help you and your family to the fullest extent possible. During the process, you will also be asked to provide documentation for the money that you will be potentially receiving from this fund. I urge you to save every receipt or proof of financial loss that you possibly can and provide it when requested.

I trust that your experience here will be a part of your healing process and will relieve some of the burdens you currently face. Again, I want to thank you for trusting your state with the opportunity to assist you. I am sorry that your experience has brought you here, but I commit to you the steadfast care of my office and the people who will offer you help and hope.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Paxton".

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