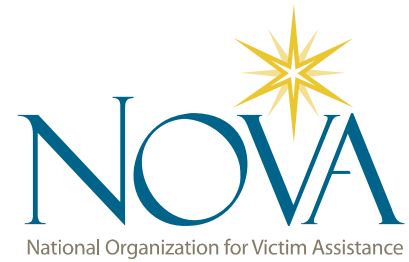


June 21, 2007

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine  
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219



Dear Governor Kaine,

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is the nation's oldest and largest member organization advocating for the rights of crime victims ([www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org)).

On behalf of our members in every state, as well as hundreds of crime victim advocates and NOVA trained crisis responders in Virginia, I am writing to express our sincere request that you include a representative for the families of those whose loved ones were murdered at Virginia Tech on the independent panel that you commissioned in the days following the massacre.

Not including a representative for the families is the infliction of a second injury on them; yet another example of how our government all too often ignores the plight of victims and silences their voices.

We urge you in the strongest possible terms to act today to include a representative for the families on the panel.

Sincerely,

Joseph Myers, NOVA President  
Executive Director, National Indian Justice Center