Sample Victim Impact Statement

(Adapted in 2013 for Reentry Processes and Parole Hearings)

1. Please describe the offense, and how it has affected you and your family.

2. What was the emotional impact of this crime on you and your family?

3. What was the physical impact of this crime on you and your family? (NOTE: This question should be utilized only for personal/violent crimes).

4. What was the financial impact of this crime on you and your family? (NOTE: Provide information about documenting losses for restitution and other financial/legal obligations, such as child support)

5. What, if any, was the spiritual impact of this crime on you and your family?

6. Do you have any concerns about your safety and security? If “yes”, please describe your concerns:
   
   6a: Would you like any protective measures taken by the (paroling/reentry authority) to promote your safety and security? If “yes,” please describe:

7. What (if anything) has changed in your life since the time the crime occurred and now?

8. What do you want to happen now?

9. Would you like an opportunity to participate in victim/offender programming (such as mediation/dialogue or victim impact panels) that can help hold the offender accountable for his/her actions? (NOTE: Only utilize this question if such programs are in place, and ensure that the victim has written resources that fully describe such programs prior to including this question)

10. If community service is recommended as part of the offender’s return to the community, do you have a favorite charity or non-profit organization you’d like to recommend as a placement? (Or “would you like to make a recommendation for community service from our agency’s list of possible placements?”)

11. Is there any other information you would like to share with the paroling/reentry authority regarding the offense; how it affected you and your family; and any concerns you have if/when the offender is released to community supervision?
Please check here if you would like to continue to be notified about the status and outcome of your case and/or offender. *(This approach links the core victims’ rights of VIS and notification, and simplifies the process of enrolling in victim notification programs for victims).*