

**Sample Victim Impact Statement<sup>1</sup>**  
***(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).*

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<sup>1</sup> Anne Seymour. 2000 (*updated 2013*). "Sample Victim Impact Statement." National Victim Assistance Academy. Washington, DC: Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice.