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## NVPN Monthly Newsletter

### House 'Dear Colleague' Letter to Expand NVDRS was Successful; Senate 'Dear Colleague' Letter still open

NVPN succeeded in securing the strongest level of support for the FY2018 ['Dear Colleague'](#) letter in the U.S. House of Representatives led by Rep. Mike Quigley (D - IL) . A total of 40 House of Representatives signed on to the letter requesting funding of \$23.5 million for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the nationwide expansion of NVDRS.



This would not have been possible without the continued support of this coalition. Thank you to all those who reached out to your members of Congress. [Click here](#) for a press release from Rep. Quigley.

**We still need your help for the Senate 'Dear Colleague' letter!** Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Senator Edward Markey (D-MA) are leading the letter in the U.S. Senate. Your Senators can sign-on to the letter until **Thursday, May 18, 2017**.

Please call your Senators now to urge that they sign the 'Dear Colleague' letter in support of the NVDRS program. You can find your Senators' contact information by entering your address [here](#). If you would like the email address for the specific staff member in your Senator's or Representative's office who handles this issue please email Kate McFadyen, Chair of the NVPN, directly at [KMcfadyen@acpm.org](mailto:KMcfadyen@acpm.org).

### FY2018 NVDRS Testimony

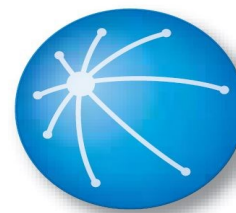


Each year, the National Violence Prevention Network submits written testimony concerning allocation of sufficient funds to CDC for the nationwide expansion of NVDRS. On March 8th, 2017, the [FY 2018 House testimony](#) was submitted for the record to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and

Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

### State Spotlight-North Carolina

[North Carolina VDRS](#) recently published its [2014 Annual Report](#). The report was developed by the Injury & Violence Prevention Branch within the North Carolina Division of Public Health. This report summarizes the violent deaths of North Carolina residents that occurred in 2014. In 2014, 1,932 North Carolina residents (19.4 per 100,000) died as a result of violence. The leading causes of violent death were suicide (67.4%) and homicide (27.7%). Leading methods of violent death were firearm (59.3%), poisoning (14.1%) and hanging, strangulation or suffocation (15.3%).



### NVDRS Hill Day



NVPN members including the [American College of Preventive Medicine](#), [Safe States Alliance](#) and the [Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research](#), held its annual NVDRS Hill day on May 2nd that reached over 30 congressional offices. Advocates urged their lawmakers to provide the CDC Injury Center with \$23.5 million in FY 2018 to complete the nationwide expansion of NVDRS. The program is currently funded at \$16 million, allowing 42 states to participate.

(Pictured: Rebecca Levin, the Strategic Director for the Injury Prevention and Research Center at [Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#))

### Opportunity



**Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS)**  
Boots-on-the-ground disease detectives

[Epidemic Intelligence Service \(EIS\)](#) CDC's 2-year training program in the practice of applied epidemiology. The application for the class of 2018 will remain open till June 30, 2017.