On January 3, 2009 ICV released an update concerning the progress we are making. We titled the article, "David vs. Goliath." Within the past week, Dr. Ross Klein, PhD has updated the amount being spent by the cruise line industry to avoid any regulations, which, as you will see below, helps to illustrate even more profoundly, just how much of a Goliath we really are up against.

Clearly, the cruise lines are willing to spend any amount to avoid regulations. As can be seen, last year they spent close to $6 million dollars just to lobby the U.S. Congress. This does not include payments made to campaign funds of US representatives and Senators, nor does it include state or local lobbying expenditures. While this industry is operating as a U.S. Corporation, based largely in the Miami area and on the New York Stock Exchange, except for tour operations in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, they operate largely as a foreign corporation outside our U.S. laws and pay no Federal Income tax.

Even with very limited funds, ICV has changed the playing field because of the dedications of our friends and victims. As I have been told in Washington, the victims will trump the corporation and that is what ICV is going to do.

Reported Cruise Industry Spending on Lobbying the US Congress, 2006 - 2008
(In millions of dollars)

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IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN THE WAY FOREIGN CRUISE LINES CORPORATIONS OPERATE IN THE UNITED STATES. If they want to license their corporations in such places such as Liberia or Panama, then maybe they should move their corporation officer's and staff to these countries. They shouldn't be able to have it both ways.
ICV Moves Forward

As International Cruise Victims moves forward, it is reassuring to know that others have joined our cause. The following is a list of current organizations that are supporting ICV and our efforts in Washington. Clearly, we are up against a major industry with significant resources. In my opinion however, the voices of victims will ultimately triumph over an industry made up mostly of "foreign corporations" set up as such to avoid taxes and regulations that any American corporation would be required to pay and adhere to.

National organizations for victims that are supporting ICV's efforts to promote legislation which would improve safety and reduce crimes on cruise ships include:

National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children
http://www.pomc.com/

National Center for Victims of Crimes
http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/Main.aspx

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)
http://www.rainn.org/

Crime Victims United Of California
http://www.crimevictimsunited.com/

National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA)
http://www.navaa.org/

Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
http://www.fcasv.org/

The National Association for Victims Assistance (NOVA)
http://www.trynova.org/

ICV has been very proactive in advance of this legislation being introduced by way of the following:

We have established a separate ICV Corporation which includes many separate members whose primary focus is to promote our legislative agenda and improve safety and accountability on cruise ships. Plans are in the works for several of our members, at their own expense, to travel to Washington to lobby for the victims. We are hoping for even more to join this effort. As seen above, we have worked with other victims groups that they might join our efforts.

Lastly, please note that we will soon be calling on each of you to write and contact your Congressional Delegation to support and sponsor this new legislation. This will no doubt be an exciting and challenging time as the victims groups and ICV members join together to move our cause forward.

Your support is most appreciated.