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Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee In Support of HB2029

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Chairman Patton and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2029, extending the time period for protection orders to be in effect. The amendments proposed in this bill support crime victims and reduces the frequency they must be confronted in the courtroom by their attackers. This includes victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, and sexual assaults. The victims of these crimes tend to remain traumatized for a significant time, sometimes for life.

While protection orders cannot guarantee the safety of victims, they are an important tool for law enforcement and prosecutors to help these victims when their attackers continue to attempt to influence their lives in a negative way. Only through a protection order do we have any meaningful way to help the victim when facing these continuing contacts and harassment.

This bill is about helping crime victims. By allowing the courts to issue these orders for a longer duration, we can reduce the stress on the victims of repeated courtroom contact and uncertainty.

We encourage you to recommend this bill favorably.

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