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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB4156

Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Family Justice Center and its partners, I urge your support of HB 4156. This bill provides critical updates to will update definitions pertaining to stalking orders and stalking offenses by contemplating the increasing use of technology. It will also increase penalties for the crimes of stalking and violating a court's stalking protective order in certain circumstances. Stalking behavior is an indicator of lethality, and inflicts significant physical, economic, psychological injury on its victims. This update will provide increased protection to victims as perpetrators advance their use of technology, and hold offender accountable for the damage their inflict survivors.