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Chairman and members to the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2279. As stated in this bill, there are two key components that I believe are crucial when and during the time one makes the decision to walk away from an egregious situation. The two components are providing the notification to EVERYONE, even the victims that do not sign up for the notification system. The purpose of the notification system is to be made aware of the time they have between the time of arrest and release; the other component is getting access to track the custody status of the offender.

I believe that this is substantial proposal because this decision alone to walk away from the situation is hard enough for the victim. To add on, the stress of not knowing when the aggressor might come back is an unneeded pressure. For example, this is an important bill for a victim that has no financial base, no transportation, and emotional, financial, etc support.

What happens to this victim who desperately is trying to get away but has no resources and has no clue what is going on in the end of the law. This can specifically apply for cases where their abuser will return. This is a huge factor in creating a safety plan for their self and their dependents.

What if this information helps them create an active and successful plan to get away and seek the help they need in the time they have available. Because once the aggressor is out, whether there is a restriction or not, they try to find the victim, and if they can, the cycle repeats.

This is just one scenario that may happen, but there are a lot more out there that can be prevented if given this information. The mental state and pressure that the victims face is already hard enough. Why not give them resources that can help them? Give victims of domestic violence the leverage they need to have a peace of mind in that moment. This can be a stepping stone for them to achieve the security that they may need. We are asking an individual to change their whole life in one night, any help, any guidance, and any support can go along ways when dealing with these situations.

There have been a lot of victims lost to domestic violence, let's not lose more. Let's offer them that helping hand they need to push forward, to know they are not alone, and that there is a system that will aid to encourage them to obtain that peace of mind they are desperately seeking.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for hearing HB 2279 and for allowing me to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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