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Members of the House Judicial Committee,

My name is Judy Gray. I am a certified professional coach and trauma specialist. For the past five years I have worked with women who have been traumatized by the sexual betrayal and intimate deception of their partners. The trauma that these women endure is so great.. and it has been my sole focus to help them navigate through and heal from the trauma day in and day out. Many of my clients are also mothers.. some of which are protective parents. The fear that my clients have when facing the family court system is so great.. there's no sense of safety for them and often times the tables are turned on them and they find themselves under scrutiny and ending up on the defense side. The stress of possibly losing their case, keeps them from pursuing justice in the court and instead leaves them and their children in unsafe situations and subjected to continued abuse. I absolutely support this bill and the training that it will require for judges overseeing family court cases. The confidence this will give my clients to stand up for themselves and their children is invaluable.

It's never the wrong time to do the right thing. Knowledge is power and when we know better, we do better. Our children are our greatest responsibility and they hold the keys to the future. Let's give the next generation the best chance possible by ensuring their safety and well-being. A healthy judicial system is critical in stopping abuse in it's tracks and giving the chance for healing and safety. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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