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Favorable: HB 929 – Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent

Hearing on 2/20/2025 at 1:00pm

To: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett and my Fellow Members of the Judiciary Committee

The purpose of HB 929 – Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent is to issue a permanent protective order based on the respondent's consent.

HB 929 allows for a permanent protective order to be entered if the respondent is agreeable, simplifying this process for survivors.

This bill benefits everyone. HB 929 prioritizes the safety of survivors by removing the hurdle of survivors having to return to court once the respondent has served a sentence for 12 months and altogether simplifies the process by allowing a permanent order of protection when the respondent is agreeable.

A permanent protective order keeps in place the "stay away" and "no contact" portions of the final protective order.

Easier access to permanent protection orders allows survivors to move forward with their lives feeling safe and secure without the fear of their abusers returning to contact them.

In conclusion, I respectfully request a favorable report for HB 929 – Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent. This legislation represents a crucial step in providing survivors with more options to ensure safety and protection. Thank you for your time and consideration.