

**Testimony in Support of HB 0579 – Criminal Procedure – U Nonimmigrant Status
Petitions**

Presented to the Judiciary Committee

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Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice chair Bartlett and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Daniel Golombek, and I am resident of district 11B. I am writing in strong support of HB0579 (Criminal Procedure – U Nonimmigrant Status Petitions)

The U non-immigrant status (U visa) is set aside for victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.

The changes listed in the bill will help to remove the fear that the immigrant community has in reporting these crimes, thus increasing its reporting.

I strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.

Thank you.

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