

House Judiciary

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HB24-1122 Protection Orders for Victims of Crimes

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Sheila Wheeler For themselves	<p>My name is Sheila. I am testifying on behalf of myself. I am a resident and constituent of CO House District 4. I am strongly for the committee to vote yes on this bill.</p> <p>Our 1 year old son was cared for by Ms. R, a longtime CO resident. By the time Ms. R joined our life circumstances of medical challenges with our kid, she had decades of childcare experience, raised two kids and loved two granddaughters. All in Colorado.</p> <p>Ms. R's daughter and granddaughter were victims of domestic violence while Ms. R cared for our kid. Ms. R's trauma was also terror because the violent partner had access to guns. Ms. R moved elsewhere in Colorado, changed all contact info, and effectively hid her daughter and granddaughter. Though the initial protection order was temporary, there was nothing temporary about the trauma on a toddler and the economic and emotional toll of hiding.</p> <p>Victims of domestic violence need to be protected from gun violence. There is nothing temporary about domestic violence impacts and perpetrators should immediately lose any and all access to the deadly weapon of a gun. Please vote for this bill. Thank you.</p>
Martha Wilson Amend themselves	<p>Hello my name is Martha Wilson and I am a therapist and activist here in Colorado. I largely support the urge to protect domestic violence victims, but I can foresee this backfiring on Communities of Color when being subjectively left up to law enforcement and other punitive agencies. Striking perceived may correct this pointed issue.</p> <p>Child welfare involved parents are already vulnerable and this work up will do additional damage to an already challenging experience. Risk is too vague to be helpful and many perpetrators of domestic violence will be able to point to any dysregulation as a risk. Please consider how this bill may be weaponized when deciding on amendments.</p>

	Thank you.
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Respectfully submitted,

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