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To: House State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

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Re: Opposition to HB 1115

CCJRC Position:

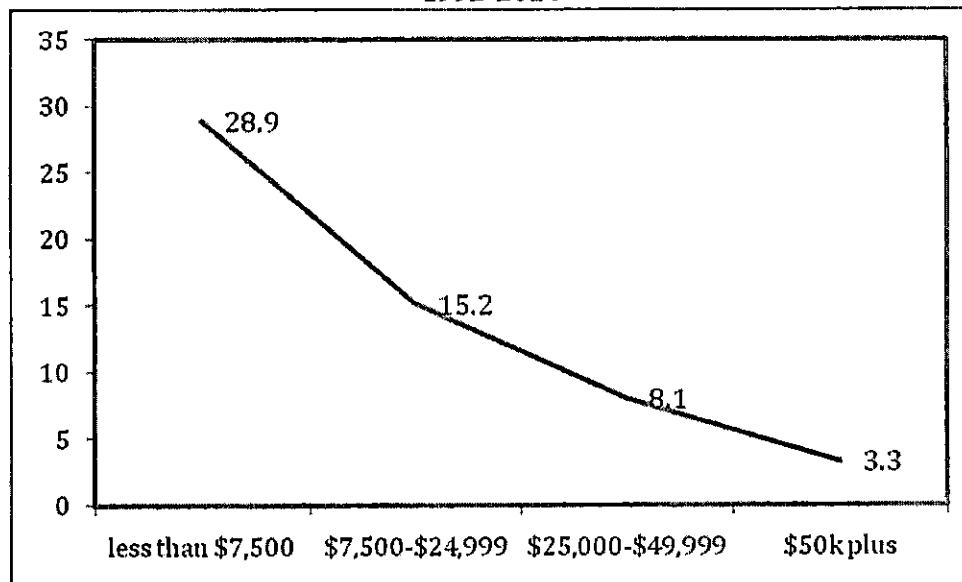
The impact of a criminal conviction on employment and earning, for years and even decades post-conviction, has been well documented in research and lived experience.

What is less known is the research that indicates that increasing household income can dramatically reduce the prevalence rate for Intimate Partner Violence against women.

If the ultimate aim is to reduce Intimate Partner Violence then policies such as those proposed by HB 1115 which limit earning and employment opportunities for defendants can be completely counter-productive.

The current sealing law that allows for a case-by-case review, input from the prosecutor and victim, judicial discretion, and specific eligibility criteria strikes the appropriate balance.

**Intimate Partner Violence Rates per 1,000 Women
By Household Income Level
1992-2014**



Note: This decline was consistent across all ethnic groups of women

Source: Rennison, C., Planty, M Nonlethal Intimate Partner Violence: Examining Race, Gender and Income Patterns, *Violence and Victims*, Volume 18, Number 4 (August 2003), Table 4; Dr. Callie Rennison email on 12/10/15 to C. Donner providing updated data through 2014.

Dr. Callie Rennison is the Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, Professor, and the Master of Criminal Justice Program Director at the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver. Her areas of expertise include: Nature, extent, and consequences of violent victimization with an emphasis on research methodology, quantitative analysis, and measurement, especially in regards to the National Crime Victimization Survey. Substantively, her research examines violence against women, violence against minority groups such as African Americans and Hispanics, crime data and victim interaction with the criminal justice system.