

**House Judiciary**

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**HB25-1148 Crim Protection Order & Protection Order Violation**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Natasha Adler Against SafeHouse Denver	<p>Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,</p> <p>As a domestic violence community agency, SafeHouse Denver, in support of the Colorado District Attorney's Council, opposes HB25-1148. Survivors and those who represent their interests already have to fiercely advocate for their right to safety. HB25-1148 adds an additional burden to prove the need to prohibit substances within the protection order, while current law provides judge discretion to ensure survivor and community safety. The use of substances within an abusive relationship has shown time and time again to increase severity and frequency of abuse, in addition to increased lethality.</p> <p>Opposing HB25-1148 ensures that survivors and those tasked to keep themselves safe do not have to meet an additional burden of advocating for safety after experiencing violence from someone who was supposed to care for them. Further, opposing HB25-1148 sends a message to abusers that they will be held accountable and not met with minimum restrictions while the survivor does the heavy lifting regarding their own safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Natasha Adler</p>