

Submitter: Rachel Schutz
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB4146

Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Family Justice Center and its partners, I urge your support of HB4146. This bill provides several updates and increased access to legal protections for victims, most notably, closing a loophole to better protect victims of "revenge porn" by prohibiting the dissemination of sexually explicit images without permission to harass victims; allows certain restraining orders to be filed in the county where the abuse took place; and modifies invasion of privacy laws. It is critical for victims and survivors to be protected by the law, feel protected in the legal process, and remove barriers to justice to ensure that the entire community can feel safe. When victims don't feel protected by our systems, it negatively encourages other survivors to not report and conversely emboldens perpetrators.