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Hello members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jennifer Rourke and I am the director of Nora's Haven, a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive culturally sensitive support, housing, and education for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking. I am also a survivor of domestic abuse and rape.

Regarding House Bill 7747, we would support efforts to provide funds to victims to make modifications to their homes, but we just wanted to raise a couple of things. Firstly, we are concerned that no modification would prevent an abuser from gaining access to a home if they really wanted to, so any modification would need to include some kind of monitoring service where the police could respond quickly.

These types of systems cost anywhere from \$600 to \$3000 to install. That could potentially leave no funds to cover the monthly cost of monitoring the home.

We are also concerned that if a victim were to qualify for this assistance that they could not later get assistance for relocation services. This could be a problem for someone who made modifications but the modifications were not enough, or the abuser was somehow let back on to the premises. The victim could not then qualify for additional help with relocating out of the abusive situation.

While we support the intent of the bill, we would ask that you consider making adjustments to address these concerns. Thank you.

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