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For HB 1429

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My name is Allison Greer Francis and I work for CHCS in San Antonio. I am in favor of HB 1427 by Rep. Liz Campos, relating to the definitions of family violence and household member for purposes of crime victims' compensation. HB 1427 would expand the definition of "household member" to include any individual residing in the same permanent household as the victim at the time of the criminally injurious conduct and would enable claimants/victims to request compensation for counseling, loss of earnings and travel expenses for appointments. Family violence is rising in San Antonio, and victims of family violence need this assistance and protection from individuals in their households. I urge your support of HB 1427.