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Submitted to the Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
For HB 1857

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Hearing Date: March 22, 2023 8:00 AM

Allison Greer Francis
CHCS
San Antonio, TX

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Carla Riedl
CHCS
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