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Committee Secretary, Supreme Court Rules Committee
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The Chicago Council of Lawyers and Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice support Proposal 19-01, which amends Illinois Rule of Professional Conduct 7.3(b), offered by Legal Aid Chicago. The proposed rule supports the safety of persons petitioning for an *ex parte* protective order and clarifies the impropriety of alerting respondents to the petition prior to service. The proposed rule maintains the safety of the petitioner without preventing access to court records by the petitioner, attorneys of record or advocates in the case.

Sincerely,

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