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To the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Inellas Restoration Center in strong support of ****Proposal 25-09****. As an organization that provides advocacy, counseling, and support services to survivors of domestic violence, we have witnessed firsthand the significant barriers survivors face when attempting to enforce Orders of Protection or seek accountability for violations. Too often, the absence of an official record of court proceedings creates additional obstacles for survivors, attorneys, law enforcement, and the courts. Requiring a record to be created whenever an Order of Protection is addressed is an important step toward improving access to justice. This proposal will help ensure that accurate transcripts are available when needed to support criminal prosecutions of Order of Protection violations, appeals, judicial review, and other legal proceedings. It also promotes greater transparency, accountability, and consistency throughout the judicial process. Survivors should not face unnecessary barriers simply because a record of their hearing is unavailable. Creating an official record strengthens confidence in the legal system and helps ensure that decisions affecting the safety of victims and their families can be reviewed when necessary. We respectfully urge the Illinois Supreme Court to adopt Proposal 25-09. This rule change will improve fairness, enhance due process, and strengthen protections for survivors of domestic violence across Illinois. Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to improving access to justice.

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