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To: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
From: Jennifer Poehlmann, J.D.
Executive Director, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
RE: S.109: An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures
Date: April 3, 2025

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services respectfully requests the following additional language to Section 10 of S.109 as follows:

(7) "Victim" means:

(A) a person who sustains injury or death as a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime;

(B) an intervenor who is **physically** injured or killed in an attempt to assist the person described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (7) or the police;

The Center further proposes that **in addition to narrowing the definition of intervenor to an individual who has sustained physical injury in their assistance to a direct victim, that the term "police" be struck and replaced with the broader term "protected professional"**, cross referencing 13 VSA 1028(d)(1):

"Protected professional" shall mean a law enforcement officer; a firefighter; a health care worker; an employee, contractor, or grantee of the Department for Children and Families; or any emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2651(6)"

The Center appreciates your consideration of our request.

