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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Protecting victims and the witnesses to the crime/s done against them should be a top priority. The risks that these people are exposed to in the process of administrating justice leads to them being intimidated into submission by those who have done them wrong or worse, harmed in some way or form to discourage them from testifying freely and truthfully. Justice then becomes a blunted weapon, offenders go away scot-free, and victims are left with nothing, but unaddressed grievances.

The success of prosecuting criminal cases rely heavily on the collection of concrete, unfalsifiable evidence provided in large part by victim and witness accounts of the crime. Specific measures must be put in place, so that victims and witnesses are afforded greater protection. This proposed measure aims to protect the confidentiality of victim's and witnesses' address and telephone number during trials or hearings in criminal prosecutions.

  
Rep/Gary C. Alejano

