

Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Mooney & Members
of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you
for taking the time to hear testimony on this
important bill. My name is Jessica Manning
and I live in Webster, Ma. I am writing
today to ask you to support LDS 1435 and
1436. I have been in the life while I
was actively using drugs. My addiction
made me do things that I never
dreamed of. Right now I have 8 years
in recovery. I work in a women's residential
program that focuses on women who
have substance use disorder and
a history of commercial sex exploitation.
I have experienced the horrors of
prostitution first hand. While living in the
Boston area I was trafficked to
Maine, Vermont & New Hampshire. We were
made to prostitute in hotel bars. Commercial
sex exploitation is something people resort
to when you don't have options. It's
dangerous, disgusting and nothing like
how Hollywood portrays it. It's
degrading, disgusting and causes life long
pain. I have done an immense amount of
work on myself but the wreckage of
my past has affected me time & time
again. It makes me still sleep with a light
on. It's ruined relationships. Please pass
this bill.