

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for taking the time to hear testimony on this important bill. My name is Skyla Bustamante, and I live in Janas place. I am writing today to ask you to support CDs 1435 An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation and 1436 An Act to provide Remedies For Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Since the age of 16 to now 26 I have personally lived the life. I am grateful to now be exiting the life **AND** when I got the chance to write it hit close to home in my heart because I will never forget where I came from and all the pain I endured during my time on the streets. Being exploited for sex in exchange for money at 16 was not a choice. It was an agreement between a minor and an adult that should have never been allowed to happen. Being pre ~~disposed~~ exposed to the life by low income, poverty and factors of my environment does not make it okay to blame me for a grown adult making sex deals with a kid. I strongly believe in passing these bills and the future of ^{them} so girls, women and everyone ^{alike} effected by the commercial sexual Exploitation can find peace have hope and a fighting chance.

Thank you