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Rep Moonen and my esteemed colleagues and committee members of the best committee here in Augusta and the state house I am tribal representative Aaron Dana for the Passamaquoddy time and I am here to testify on LD 1435

Commercial sexual exploitation is a serious issue that affects millions of people worldwide, particularly women and children. It is a form of sexual violence that involves the exchange of money or other forms of compensation for sexual acts. This can include prostitution, pornography, and human trafficking. Victims of commercial sexual exploitation often suffer physical and emotional trauma, as well as long-term consequences such as sexually transmitted infections and substance abuse.

To reduce commercial sexual exploitation, it is important to address the root causes of the issue. This may include addressing poverty, lack of education, and gender inequality. It is also important to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions and provide support for victims. This can include access to healthcare, counseling, and legal services.

Legislation can play an important role in reducing commercial sexual exploitation. Laws that criminalize the buying and selling of sex can be effective in reducing demand for commercial sexual services. Additionally, laws that provide support and protection for victims can help prevent further exploitation.

Overall, reducing commercial sexual exploitation requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the complex social, economic, and political factors that contribute to the issue. By working together to address these factors, we can create a safer and more just world for all.