

My name is Amy Thompon and I reside in Milton, NH. I am here to request that LD 1339 be approved. I am the daughter of a victim of a scam that had my mother use atm bitcoin machines/VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS for repayment of money that the scammers said was due to them. My mother is a Maine resident and the machines that were used were located in Maine.

It is still very difficult for my mother to speak about how she was scammed financially. This scam occurred at a time when she had just lost her husband/my father. She was grieving and trying to handle affairs by herself. At that time, she had no idea of what an atm bitcoin machine/ VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK was. The scammers gave her specific instructions on how to locate the atm/bitcoin machines for deposit of money they stated was reportedly due to them. As instructed, on day one she went and deposited \$15,000 at one bit coin machine location and then \$4,000 at another bit coin machine at a different location. On day two, \$10,000 was deposited at the last bit coin machine used. The scammers that day also tried to have her deposit more money and it might have occurred if I had not come to her house for a visit. When I entered her home, I saw the stress she was experiencing and the scammer was actively trying to get more money from her. I helped her identify that she was being scammed. Had there been a regulation on daily deposits/purchase of bitcoins, she would have only lost \$2000 instead of \$29,000 before identifying the problem as a scam. Passage of this bill would help prevent individuals in times of vulnerability from losing large amount of their money on a daily basis to the use of bit coin machines/VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS by scammers. This scam took a huge toll on my mother both emotionally and financially.

My mother was a 74-yr old widow at the time of the scam and I am sharing her experience in evidence and support of legislature to pass this bill and add a piece of protection that would help protect all people from VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK abuse by scammers or owners of these machines.

Thank you for allowing me to be a witness in support of passage of LD 1339.