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LD 332

LD 332- minimum sentences for gross sexual assault and sex trafficking.

Greeting Senator Brickford, Harrington. Representatives, Greenwood, Cluchey, Henderson, Lavigne, Poirier, Rudnicki, Thorne, White.

My name is Hailie Ravanis, and I am a student at APC in Biddeford, Maine. I support LD 332, which makes it mandatory for any person who commits gross sexual assault or aggravated sex trafficking on children to be sentenced to no less than 25 years in prison.

I think this is important because there are thousands of children trafficked every year, and many of those kids don't get the justice they deserve. These kids are already traumatized; now imagine being one of those kids, and the person who did that is walking around freely. In addition, these crimes are rarely reported, which makes it hard to find statistics because we are never really gonna know whether this helps, or stops it. With that being said, having the minimum sentence be no less than 25 years could save so many kids from trauma, give them the justice they deserve, and potentially save lives.

I urge the committee to support this bill to save thousands of children and give them the justice they deserve. Thank you for considering my testimony