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CLAC MEMORANDUM/TESTIMONY NFNA
LD 1427, An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions
Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking

TO: Senator Carney
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Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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RE: LD 1427, An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving
Aggravated Sex Trafficking

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The Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)* respectfully submits the following testimony neither for nor against LD 1427.

Extension of the statute of limitations with respect to the crime of aggravated sex trafficking, 17-A M.R.S. § 852, which includes promoting prostitution of young victims, victims suffering from mental disability apparent or known to the actor, or by various forms of compulsion, is largely consistent with previous extensions of the statute of limitations with respect to serious sex crimes.

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