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Good morning my name is Amanda Comeau I live in Portland. I want to start off by saying that I am strongly against 2 parts of LD1592.

The first part being decriminalizing engaging in prostitution:

Most countries that have legalized or decriminalized commercial sex often experienced a surge in human trafficking, pimping and other

related crimes. "Prostitution regardless whether it's legal or not involves so much harm and trauma, things cannot be seen as a conventional business"

As a survivor of sexploitation I have seen first-hand how traffickers, pimps work and the way that they see women, children, and transgender. Decriminalizing engaging in prostitution will invite trafficker from other state to come to Maine, bringing other

victims with them as well as he can entrap new victims from here.

I can hear the traffic is now as they whisper; "hey you're over 18, it's okay hun, you're good, you won't get in trouble because it's legal in Andscogin."

Decriminalizing engaging in prostitution is more harmful than helpful. Secondly I have concerns about this deal is.