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Re: L.D. 332 – An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults Against Children and Aggravated Sex Trafficking of Children

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing on behalf of the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission, in opposition to LD 332.

The Commission's opposition is based on consideration of the rights and needs of victims of sex crimes; the impact is particularly acute for this type of crime. With a mandatory minimum sentence many more cases will proceed to trial compelling minor (and adult) victims to testify. Additionally, mandatory minimum sentences tend to discourage reporting as victims may not want to expose offenders to a lengthy mandatory sentence. Finally, mandatory minimum sentences minimize victims wishes on how the case is resolved as there is no discretion in sentencing or sentence recommendations.

The commission is happy to further assist the committee or the sponsor and can be available for any work sessions.

Kent Avery  
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