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“An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Certain Sexual Offenses  
Committed Against Minors”

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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Testimony in Support of LD 2207

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Shira Buns, I represent the Maine Prosecutors Association and I am submitting this testimony in support of LD 2207.

This bill removes the statute of limitations regarding two crimes, aggravated sex trafficking<sup>1</sup> and commercial sexual exploitation of a minor<sup>2</sup>, when committed against a victim that is less than 18 years of age. Based on the Criminal Law Advisory Committee’s review of the statute of limitations as it pertains to sexual assault crime types, these two crimes’ statute of limitations is not consistent with other statute of limitations pertaining to children that are victims of a sexual abuse crime. This bill would bring consistency to our current laws.

The Maine Prosecutors Association suggests one further change in adding commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a mental disability<sup>3</sup> to the list of crimes that has a 20-year statute of limitations. This will again bring consistency in our law on how statute of limitations apply to sexual abuse crimes.

For these reasons, the Maine Prosecutors Association supports LD 2207.

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<sup>1</sup> 17-A M.R.S. § 852.  
<sup>2</sup> 17-A M.R.S. § 855(1).  
<sup>3</sup> 17-A M.R.S. § 855(3).