



Statement by  
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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on  
**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Regarding L.D. #1728,  
**“An Act to Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression Against a Child”**

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Thank you, Chairs Sen. Rosen and Rep. Warren, and distinguished members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, for the opportunity to share my testimony with you today. I'm Penny Morrell, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Maine.

Concerned Women for America of Maine supports L.D. #1728 and thanks Sen. Vitelli for bringing it forward.

We applaud the effort to bring 14-year-old victims into the Class C crimes category along with 12-year-olds. We believe there should be no separation of criminality based on the age of the victim. Both age groups are still children and need protection from sexual aggression perpetrated against them.

*Pornography is reasonably considered a kind of idolatry which reveals what is meant to be kept holy.*

“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes ...” (Psalm 101:3)

We urge this committee to vote “ought to pass” on L.D. 1728.

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