

**Memorandum**

April 24, 2014

To: Senator Claire Ayer

From: Sarah Kenney, VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Re: S.252 – Section 20 (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

The VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is requesting that, if your committee is moving forward with Sec. 20 of S.252, you consider the following amendment to Finding (f):

(f) An individual with an ACE score of two is twice as likely to experience rheumatic disease. An individual with an ACE score of four has a three-to-four-times higher risk of depression; is five times more likely to become an alcoholic; is eight times more ~~likely to experience sexual assault~~ **more vulnerable to being sexually victimized** and is up to ten times more likely to attempt suicide. An individual with an ACE score of six or higher is 2.6 times more likely to experience chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; is three times more likely to experience lung cancer; and is 46 times more likely to abuse intravenous drugs. An individual with an ACE score of seven or higher is 31 times more likely to attempt suicide.