

Members of the House Judiciary,

My name is Timothy Burgess, and I am the State leader for Reform Sex Offender Laws here in Vermont. I am writing to you regarding H.105, which your committee is scheduled to hear testimony on Tuesday February 17,2015. It is my hope that this will be considered part of the official record.

RSOL Vermont feels that it is the duty of each and every offender to be held accountable for, and take responsibility for any actions that they plead guilty to, or are found guilty of in a court of law.

While it is crucial that parties found guilty under our system of justice, this bill should be considered under the harassment statute, or the aggravated harassment statute, and not the Voyeurism statute. The very nature of voyeurism according to Blacks law dictionary Second edition is "Gratification derived from observing the sexual organs or sexual acts of others." The bill, as written, is a harassment bill, it does not meet the criteria outlined for voyeurism.

It is my sincerest hope that you will consider this for the record, and if any members of the committee have questions, feel free to contact me and I will make the time to come to Montpelier and testify.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important subject.

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