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Thank you very much for allowing me to testify on H566 today.

We would like to suggest that the language be changed to "... ~~eruelly beats~~ commits violence against..."

Addressing the behavior by naming it [**violence**] rather than by giving examples would, we think, provide more clarity. Humans, alas, can act in many violent ways, and trying to list them all is futile. The definitions we found for this proposed language are below.

Definition:

violence. [noun]

1 a: the use of physical force so as to injure, abuse, damage, or destroy. [**Merriam-Webster**]

. 1 Behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something. [**Oxford Dictionaries**]

What is VIOLENCE? [**Black's Law Dictionary**]

The term "**violence**" is synonymous with "**physical force**," and the two are used interchangeably, in relation to assaults.... v. Wells, 31 Conn. 212.

There are several meanings for commit, but this is the one that is relevant

Commit

Perpetrate or carry out (a mistake, crime, or immoral act) [Oxford Dictionaries]

I realize that common meaning does not always mean the same thing in law, and do not have the background needed to see if this causes more trouble in some unintended, different area. Calling something by its correct name, however, would seem to make it easier to identify.

Thank you very much