

No. R-301. Joint resolution condemning the continuing occurrence of street harassment in Vermont.

(J.R.S.35)

By Senators Clarkson and McCormack,

Whereas, street harassment involves the targeting of individuals in public spaces with “homophobic and transphobic slurs, and other hateful comments referencing race, religion, class, and disability,” and

Whereas, even more harmful forms of street harassment are physical variants ranging from the making of kissing noises to “more threatening behavior,” such as stalking, flashing, and sexual assault, and

Whereas, street harassment’s victims are overwhelmingly women and openly LGBT individuals who are especially vulnerable targets, and the harasser is frequently a stranger, and

Whereas, despite the existence of the Vermont statutory crimes of disorderly conduct, aggravated disorderly conduct in a public place, and other pertinent offenses, the problem of street harassment persists, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly condemns the continuing occurrence of street harassment in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Emily Donaldson, Vermont Law School Albert Schweitzer Fellow in South Royalton.