

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

## Joint Senate Resolution

By Senators Clarkson and McCormack,

**J.R.S. 35.** Joint resolution condemning the continuing occurrence of street harassment in Vermont.

*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.