



H. 183 – Draft 1.2 Colburn Amendment
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Thank you for the invitation to provide testimony on the amendment you are considering today to H. 183. I apologize that a scheduling conflict prevents me from being with the committee this afternoon.

The Vermont Network supports the Colburn Amendment. We are appreciative of the input of Disability Rights Vermont and Mad Freedom to strengthen the bill and ensure that the proposal does not adversely impact the agency of people with disabilities to engage in consensual sexual acts. We believe that the changes you are considering today are important and ensure that our legal system can respond to cases where individuals are incapable of consenting to sexual acts.

This bill as a whole takes clear steps to assess and improve both institutional and legal responses to sexual violence, and we deeply appreciate the work of the committee on this bill.