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I am the survivor of the heinous act which has driven the introduction of Raised Bill #439 to be passed into law. With an objective to seek justice, please protect me and other prospective victims out there by doing the right thing and refine a statute which has only further victimized me as a person by not fully recognizing the awful acts done to me by these individuals. By passing into law a bill to restate the definition of "intimate parts" in Section 1, Subdivision (8) of section 53a-65 of the general statutes, the pride, self-worth, and safety of myself and other women victimized by thoughtless individuals such as the three men who sexually violated me and will only been convicted of a misdemeanor at best, will be increasingly protected. Redefining this statute forces any sexual predators to be held accountable for their ludicrous and extremely degrading actions, no matter how they force their "intimate parts" on another individual, whether it be by penetration or ejaculation – both of which MUST be considered sexual assault. This may actually force potential as well as existing sexual predators to understand that ejaculating on a person's face is not in fact funny, normal, or an act that can easily be dismissed by a misdemeanor that is not considered a sexual assault under the current law. Sexual predators who ejaculate on a person or use their "intimate parts" in any way shape or form to violate another person's body, totally disregarding the survivor as a person, should certainly not be categorized by the law in the same manner as a person, for example, with a driving violation. This form of sexual predating is unique because it seems promisingly successful in the sense of not getting caught or being held accountable. If prospective sexual violators merely get a slap on the hand for what they do by not enduring the appropriate consequences, which this bill would provide, other individuals with no regard for another person's dignity out there will only be inspired to experiment in the same way. The legal system already has a long tragic history of

re-victimizing survivors in many ways, not the least of which is the inadequate enforcement of the insufficient laws that are already in place. Although the refinement of this law will not improve my situation or case, at least I'll be able to live at ease knowing that no other innocent person will be taken advantage of by both a sexual predator and by the law. It may be hard to constrain or change the actions of a potential assailant on an innocent individual, however, the consequences they would inevitably endure by a just and protective legal system are the only component left with the potential to redeem the victim and all they have lost by these criminal acts. Please do the right thing and pass this bill into law. Thank you.