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There is so much wrong with this bill, beginning with its very intent. We need to strengthen our laws regarding sexual exploitation and abuse of children, not weaken it by modifying the definitions to make it more difficult to qualify to report the abuse, or report the abuser. Annessa Hartman should speak with a few of the kids who have been in foster homes and abused by a stranger who walked in the house. Often times, due to fears the child may not come forth immediately with the claim, which makes it impossible to obtain the required "preponderance of evidence". You need to consider the vast majority of children when you look at designing a bill on abuse of children, and not on just one or two isolated cases which are outside the norm.

A very loud NO on this bill