

Testimony before the 132<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Maine  
Legislature

Judiciary Committee, March 4, 2025

In SUPPORT OF LD 260:

*RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish  
That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law.*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint  
Standing Committee of the Judiciary, my name is Suzanne Rudalevige and I live in  
Cape Elizabeth.

There really is no excuse not to treat everyone equally when it comes to rights,  
benefits, privileges, wages and dignity. Yet, we have turned this idea down over  
and over again. What are we afraid of?

When we see the chaos created by random treatment at the Federal level,  
perhaps we can agree that in Maine we protect all our residents equally from, at  
least at State level, arbitrary or biased action. Let's assure Maine that everyone of  
us counts equally.

Let this be the year that we pass this resolution to include an ERA in the Maine  
Constitution.

Thank you.