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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee, My name is Meredith Bruskin, I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and I am from Swanville , Maine. I have been working on federal passage of the ERA for over 40 years. Despite its passage (finally), it has yet to be implemented and I now believe, especially in today's political climate, that each state must establish Equal Rights for All in their respective state constitutions. LD 260 , the Maine Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment will finally succeed in including equal rights for all in Maine's foundational legal document. More than 29 states have already adopted such an amendment. It is the right thing to do! The state of Maine will then have new tools to address discrimination and violations of civil rights for all Maine's citizens. And ensure that equal rights for all are protected, no matter what, in Maine's constitution. Thank you very much for your attention. I urge with my whole being " Ought to Pass" on LD 260.