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Senator Carney. Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with the committee. My name is Marissa Armitage and I'm a resident in York, Maine. I am writing today in support of LD260. In such a divisive time, it's more important now than ever to recognize the humanity in others. We should all be able to agree that we are one human race and we all deserve equal human rights. Maine is overdue for an amendment for equal rights. Human rights for all should have always been in the constitution which is why it's so important that we explicitly name it. Biased-based discrimination and harassment happen all over our state. The state of Maine needs new tools to address these violations of civil rights.

Every single Mainer deserves dignity and equal rights.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260.

Thank you,

Marissa McCue Armitage