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

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Jane Sloven and I am a  
resident of Scarborough.

This bill matters to me because although I am retired, when I initially practiced law, my focus  
was restorative justice and advocacy for victims of crime. When I subsequently practiced clinical  
social work, I treated victims of trauma and abuse from all walks of life.

I am seventy-three years of age. This period of time we are living in presents the most  
significant threats to equality, civil rights, civil liberty, and personal freedoms I have ever seen. I  
feel that it is imperative for us to enshrine in law the highest levels of protection we can offer  
everyone in our wonderful state of Maine.

Enshrining equal rights for all in our constitution would protect many of the people for and with  
whom worked from the circumstances that led to their struggles and that presently threaten  
their well-being and safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the committee. I urge you to vote  
“Ought to Pass” on LD 260. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jane Sloven