Ann Wheeler Newcastle LD 260 Ann Wheeler Newcastle March 2, 2025

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

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD260 for a very simple reason - everyone in the State of Maine should be protected from discrimination and harassment in an inviolable way. We cannot rely on laws which can be changed or removed to protect our citizens. The current national state of affairs should make that abundantly clear. It should also make clear the urgency of action on this important protection. People being who they are should not expose them in any way to being treated as less than.

I am an older woman and have seen and experienced less than equal treatment. LD 260 is the wise, compassionate and necessary path to protect us all.

Thank you.