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LD 260

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To Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and the honorable members of the Joint Standing Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. I am writing in support of LD 260, the Maine Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment Bill.

I was raised to believe that everyone, no matter their background, should have equal rights. It seems so straightforward, and like something that should be easily ensured in our most foundational governing document, our State Constitution. Unfortunately, that has not yet happened, and it has left a gap in protections for all Mainers. Laws can change, but a state constitutional amendment for inclusive equal rights would provide much more durable protections. And at this time in our nation's history, we must do everything we can to protect our rights. Now is the time to take action and ensure that equal rights for all are enshrined in Maine's constitution.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my thoughts with the committee. I urge all members to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 260. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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