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Some opponents of this bill have flagged is as unnecessary - but never in my lifetime has something so fundamental to our core principles been so needed to be codified, adopted and formalized into written law. Basic tenants that our citizens have taken for granted for decades - if not longer - have come under question, and many rights we have held as settled law have been unraveled at a frightening pace.

Opponents also are ignoring the sad reality of the situation in Maine - that currently, not all residents ARE treated equally in practice. This needs to change.

An Equal Right Under the Law should be a core tenant - a fundamental certainty - under Maine law - and adopting it and codifying it is the only responsible path forward.