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LD 260

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

We feel it is particularly important to add these protections under our State Constitution given the current climate at the federal level. In these times, we cannot depend on our civil rights being protected by the federal government.

We are seniors with an adult child with a disability. We also have concerns for one of our children and other relatives and friends who have fears regarding their safety or discrimination due to sexual orientation or gender identity. We've have witnessed racial discrimination in our community.

We are grateful to live in a state where differences are celebrated and supported. We hope that this support will become far stronger and permanent with LD260!

Thank you, again.