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

I strongly urge you to support LD 260, the Maine Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment. This amendment is a crucial step toward ensuring equality for all women and other marginalized groups, especially as we face growing challenges across the nation. The recent *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, has made it painfully clear that women's reproductive rights are under direct attack. We are also witnessing an alarming federal movement to erase trans people, ban gay marriage, and roll back civil rights protections. The Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment is not just about protecting women's rights in theory—it's about safeguarding and protecting real lives.

As a mother, I am deeply concerned that my daughters could be the first generation of women that have less rights than I do. Maine has a unique opportunity to lead with compassion, fairness, and justice. By passing LD 260, we can ensure that the generations to come inherit a future where equality is not just an ideal, but a reality. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.