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LD 260

I urge you to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 260 to affirm the right to equal treatment under the law in the Maine Constitution to ALL protected classes listed in the Maine Human Rights Act... “race, color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin.”

Writing these protections in the Maine Constitution ensures Mainers will be protected no matter who holds elected offices in Maine. We deserve that stability and respect.

As a mother, teacher, homeowner, caretaker, activist with Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights and longtime supporter of the national and state ERA....and friend of the late Lois Galway Reckitt...I know that it is past time that we emphatically state that ALL Mainers will be treated equally under the law.

It is hard to imagine why anyone would oppose these fundamental American human rights. I know folks who have not been employed or lost employment because of their age (55+) or gender or had great difficulty renting because of their race. This should not be here in the U.S. We are all affected in some way when any one of us is discriminated against. Who know, who will be next?

Please correct this longstanding gap in our ability to address discrimination and violations of civil rights that we already see is not being resolved through Maine law.

Twenty-nine (29) states have already affirmed a state ERA. Maine should too.