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

Thank you for this opportunity to address LD260. My name is Deane Mushlit, and I am resident of Manchester, Maine. As a mom of four girls – one being transgender and two were adopted from China – it's very important to me they are seen as the beautiful individuals they are, not discriminated against for who they are. My transgender daughter is a loving, productive member of society. She is a pharmacy technician, helping people with their prescriptions. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a marine biology degree. She is making plans to put her degree to use. She wants the same things we all want – to have the same rights afforded to humans. To become all she can be. Of my four daughters, these three I mention have all faced negative comments because of their gender or racial identity. This is why I'm so passionate about fair treatment for all. Thank you for reading my testimony, and I am pleading for you to pass LD260.