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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

I am here today in support of LD260.

I am writing on behalf of the transgender and non-binary people I know and love. The courage they display, day in and day out, to live their lives with truth and integrity is inspiring, but it is not easy. It comes at the high cost of prejudice and discrimination. The damage done from living a life in fear, anxiety, and rejection is evident in the staggering disparity in mental health outcomes, particularly for LGBTQ youth. It breaks my heart to know the struggles my loved ones have, simply because society refuses to accept them, love them, and protect them. They are our babies and our future, and they deserve our unwavering love, support, and protection. I am committed to helping them create the world they deserve. I urge you to join me in this fight, and ensure Maine's Constitution guarantees equal rights for all its people.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.

I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260.

Thank you.

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