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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

My name is Holly Houston, I'm a resident of Yarmouth, and I am writing on my own behalf.

I am here today in support of LD 260.

I am a teacher and work with teenagers every day. This bill would support students in Maine. Being a teenager is hard enough. Feeling safe at school is a right and not just a privilege meant for only the majority of our population. I want ALL of my students to feel, and to BE protected by the Maine Constitution and to have the worry about protection lifted off their shoulders so that they can learn and grow to be the best people they can be. The government has a responsibility to protect our basic human rights. There is no place in our state for pitting humans against humans. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260. Thank you.