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LD 260

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 Bailey Beers and I live in Eddington. I am writing today in support of LD 260 as this bill will improve my life and options as a young woman in Maine. As a majorly rural state, with much of my life spent in areas up to an hour from larger amenities, the lack of diversity can be quite glaring. With the people I have known of differing backgrounds, many have concern of equal treatment in the eyes of people who do not know them personally, believing the rhetoric that country, mountain folk cannot perceive all types of people equally. I believe that the passing of this bill will bring Maine into the ranks of the states that have already adopted the protection of all peoples equality rights and will encourage a more diverse population to join our citizenship into the more rural areas. This diversity and guarantee of equal rights will bring about generations of people who are more neighborly and supportive and lead Maine into a bright future. Thank you again for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260.