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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Committee Judiciary. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee and my fellow constituents. My name is Amelia McDonald-Johnson, and I have lived in Bucksport for the last five years. I am here today in support of LD 260. When I moved to Maine the thing that impressed me most was the sense of community and support. In my first few months I almost hit a deer and ended up off the road, and then four different people stopped, asked if I was okay and if I needed help. Anywhere else I have lived people would have just driven by. Now it didn't matter to them that I was a woman, just that I was a fellow Mainer in distress, and that they felt they could help. Mainer's value caring for each other regardless of who you are, and our state policy should reflect that. We ALL need help at some point, and that should never be denied by 'othering' our fellow humans. We are all equal, and we deserve to have our rights protected by this great state. Please, I ask you to consider how we can ensure that all of us here in Maine have equal protections under the law. We will never succeed or grow by allowing bigotry to rule over decision making. With that thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260. Thank you!