

March 4, 2025

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

I am writing in strong support for LD 260, the Maine Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment. I'm just a regular Maine-ah. You might wonder why a white, working class, heterosexual guy raised in York, Maine, would care about this bill. Well, this Amendment just makes sense to me and it seems like the right thing to do. I want to live in a state where we practically and symbolically have equal rights. A Maine-based ERA would add to our strong human rights act and solidify our commitment to EQUAL RIGHTS under the law for all. We would be joining 29 other states in the country. Who would be opposed to that?

Please SUPPORT LD 260.

Thank you,

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