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LD 260

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

My name is Lina Martinez Nocito and I am a student at the University of Maine at Farmington and a legislative organizer for Maine Youth Power, a rural, youth-led movement fighting for human dignity, equity, and a livable future for all. I'm writing today to strongly urge you to support LD 260.

This amendment offers Maine the opportunity to join the dozens of states that have enshrined equal rights in their constitutions—to make a firm and unwavering commitment to take care of its people and affirm the right of all Mainers to live free of discrimination. This kind of legislation would be important at any time. But especially right now, when the rights of millions upon millions of Americans are facing a barrage of attacks at the national level, LD 260 is essential.

As a young person coming of age at a time of backlash against the human rights of women, immigrants, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and more, I have no doubt as to whether LD 260 is necessary. I hope you will take this opportunity to make a powerful commitment to a future in which all Mainers can thrive.