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I would like to write to support this bill. Living in Maine for almost 30 years, I've grown to love the Maine way of living. We are hardworking and supportive of our community. Life can be difficult but together we overcome any challenge we may face. I have watched over the years how Maine takes care of each other. Over the years, my family has had difficult challenges that could have ruined us, but in these moments we were surrounded by love and support from our community, those like us, those who we knew and were different than us and those we didn't know but cared for our collective well being. This is what makes Maine the home we all love. During tragedies such as the Auburn mass shooting, fires, weather events and floods, I've witnessed and been a part of coming together to support my Maine neighbors. Every person in our community deserves to feel safe, supported and cared for. The diversity we have in Maine makes us stronger and better as we allow others to be who they are, enriching our community. Please pass this bill to allow every Maine resident the right to feel safe and supported, we are stronger by sticking together, this bill embodies what Maine should be.

Thank you for your attention to this important bill and for listening to my testimony. Thank you for making Maine the way life should be for everyone.