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Good afternoon. My name is Riley Borghetti. I live in Biddeford, and I am here in support of LD260 passing. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on such an important proposed resolution and thank you to Representative Reckitt for sponsoring this lifesaving legislation, as well as the entire judiciary committee for hearing it.

As a trans person who loves living in Maine, I believe this is important to pass because we need infrastructure for accountability and restoration when our rights are being violated. As has been made abundantly clear, the goal of the constant misinformation is the eradication of trans people, even though we represent less than 1% of the entire population, and roughly .4% of the population in Maine. We are the same as you. I work in the disability field doing healthcare advocacy, I have a cat, I have a community, and I'm a licensed therapeutic foster parent. I only take kids hard to place, which is LGBTQ teens.

Since election results were announced, I no longer have the same emotional baseline. Based on having a hard time trying to keep myself alive, and the bias and hostility from DHHS's employees ramping up, I had to take a break from fostering. My 14-year old had to be moved, even though we were working on adoption and had been together as a family for more than six months. There was nobody willing to help me with this experience. We need an amendment to the constitution that includes equal rights for all in order to hold these systems accountable. Maine is our home and we deserve to be safe. I urge the committee to pass LD260. Thank you for your time.

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<https://www.mecep.org/blog/us-trans-survey-vital-resource/#:~:text=Additionally%2C%20a%20recently%20released%20report,as%20is%20the%20case%20nationally>