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LD 724

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government,

My name is Liam LaFountain, and I live in Biddeford. I am writing to testify in support of LD 724, which would recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as state holidays.

Maine has always recognized the importance of religious traditions, and our state holidays reflect that. We observe Christmas and Easter because they hold deep meaning for many Mainers with Christian backgrounds. For thousands of Muslim residents, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are just as significant. Recognizing these holidays affirms the longstanding principle that people of faith should be able to observe important religious days without conflict.

Eid celebrations are a time for charity, reflection, family, and service to others—values that align with Maine’s spirit and community. Some organizations and workplaces already accommodate these observances, and this bill ensures that recognition is reflected at the state level.

This legislation follows a simple, commonsense principle: when a holiday holds significance for a substantial number of Mainers, it deserves acknowledgment. Doing so honors Maine’s tradition of respecting religious freedom and the contributions of all who call this state home.

I respectfully urge the committee to support LD 724. Thank you for your time and consideration.