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LD 724

As a resident of Auburn, committed Christian, religious professional, and school committee member, I am writing today to enthusiastically support LD 724.

As Maine continues to grow more diverse, a form of growth we desperately need to meet our workforce requirements in coming decades, it is vital that we ensure we are adapting to the needs and realities of shifting demographics in our communities. Mainers value welcome and inclusion, and we know the importance of time with our loved ones during important days and holidays of the year. I never have to worry about missing a holiday with my family, because my religion's holidays are always respected. This is sadly not the case for many of our Muslim friends and neighbors.

This bill is a simple fix, and a strong nod towards inclusive practices. It's a way of recognizing the reality that Mainers are increasingly diverse, and that not everyone who calls Maine home celebrates the same holidays, and we can recognize that and build in respect for these differences.

I urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 724.