

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

My name is Tracey Jean Boisseau. I'm a resident of Edgecomb and Damariscotta, and a professional historian.

I am here on March 4, 2025, representing my profession, to witness that your support for LD 260 making an inclusive ERA a part of Maine's state constitution presents an opportunity for you to make history—an opportunity for you to count your name among the long line of heroic Americans who have fought for civil rights and who have brought us to this moment in time. This is when you get to stand up for what's right, when you put our great state of Maine on the right side of history. Your time is now.

My mother was a feminist and taught me to be one too. Before she died, my mother told me "this is your time" and by that she meant my time to make the world more equal and more just. But right now... today... this is not my moment or even my daughter's moment—It's your moment when you can be a part of that great historical unfolding of American justice and equality. Take it! Make your mark! And let this be the best part of the legacy you leave your grandchildren and all Mainers to come.

I urge you to vote "**Ought to Pass**" on LD260. Thank you for making history!

Testimony of Tracey Jean Boisseau at the Judiciary Committee's public hearing on LD260  
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