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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 Justin Barnett and I am a resident of Bangor. I am here today in support of LD 260. Growing up I learned about our Nation's history and our Declaration of Independence. What resonated with me the most was Thomas Jefferson's statement that "all men are created equal." President Trump and his administration are undermining that powerful phrase through his unrelenting effort to remove all diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the government. President Trump is opening the door for discrimination and undermining what this Country and this State stand for. Now more than ever, it's important that the State of Maine show its leadership by amending our State Constitution to solidify the vision of our Founding Fathers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260. Thank you!