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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 and voice my support for LD260. My name is Isobel Morton, and I am a Portland resident writing in partnership with the Maine Women's Lobby.

I have lived in a place where equal rights were not protected—where people like me were left vulnerable. The U.S. prides itself on freedom and equality, yet these principles remain unwritten guarantees. Without legal protection, our rights are at risk.

This bill is not just policy—it is a lifeline. Without fundamental rights, how can we navigate life's challenges? How can we build a future when autonomy and dignity are denied to so many? True progress begins with valuing every person's right to exist, to participate, and to be heard.

When LD260 passes, I will finally breathe easier, knowing that my body, my choices, and my voice are protected. No one should have to fear that workplace discrimination or Title IX violations will be ignored. This is our chance to ensure justice—for ourselves, and for generations to come.

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