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To 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 Amanda Scarpone, I am a resident of Poland, Maine, and I am a public health professional who works in the non-profit and philanthropy field. I am writing to you today in support of LD 260.

Maine is a state that is welcoming, inviting, and that supports diversity. But Maine would be stronger if these values were written into our Constitution. LD260, the Maine Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment, would do just that. In a time when America's progress to end systemic racism, progress to ensure safe and happy lives for our queer and trans community, and progress to ensure women have control over their own bodies stands to move in the wrong direction, Maine must take this step. We must take this step to enshrine human rights into our state constitution, and tell the rest of America that we will not stand to lose this progress. We will not stand to have our Maine neighbors feel anything but welcome, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability. Mainers deserve this affirmation of the values we hold, and we deserve the passage of LD 260.

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

Thank you,  
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