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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint
Standing Committee Judiciary

I am a retired physician and a resident of South Portland having moved to Maine
in 2006. I am writing to you today in support of LD260.

I moved to Maine from North Carolina in 2006. While living in North Carolina I
was asked to leave my group surgical practice because of my sexuality causing
a major disruption in my family life. Part of my reason of moving to Maine was
the potential for greater support for the gay and lesbian community. It has not
been a smooth course for our state but with the passage of LD260, "equality of
rights under the law may not be denied or abridged by the State or any political
subdivision of the State based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion,
sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, physical or
mental disability, ancestry or national origin of an individual."

While I am now retired I recognize that my situation could happen to anyone. For
this reason I urge the passage of LD260.

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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