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Written testimony in support of LD260

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

My name is Jaime Van Keuren and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of LD260. This amendment is crucial to provide equal protection under Maine's Constitution regardless of their identity or background. Our foundational legal document as of now does not afford equal rights protections for people in every protected class.

LD260 would explicitly address this by guaranteeing all Mainers equal protection under the law. This step is a must if civil rights protections remain strong in Maine even as our state laws evolve in the future. Almost 30 states so far have taken this step. It is time for Maine to join them for equality. Fairness and justice are ideals that should be cornerstones of our state's values.

Equality is a fundamental right for all Maine citizens-every single one. Please I urge you to support LD260 to make Maine a more just and inclusive place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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