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Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary:

Thank you for the chance to address the Committee in writing.

I am a retired attorney, 45 year resident of Woolwich, and enthusiastic supporter of LD 260 to add the Equal Rights Amendment to the Maine Constitution.

In the late 1960's and 1970's I was one of the very few women law students (at Georgetown Law School) and Associate at a prominent New York City law firm. I experienced discrimination in exclusion from all male societies, clubs, restaurants and occasionally by judicial comments.

While much has improved in the last 50 years, I feel that fairness and equality requires that the ERA is finally enshrined in our Constitution so that all people are protected in the current climates of misogyny and discrimination of other minorities.

Thank you.

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