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My name is Makalah Carney, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2163. I am someone who has experienced harm and then had to navigate systems that were confusing, inconsistent, and at times dismissive of the impact that harm had on my life. When victims are not clearly informed of their rights, or when complaints are handled without transparency or accountability, the result is often further harm rather than healing.

LD 2163 matters because it recognizes that justice is not only about outcomes, but about process. Victims deserve to be taken seriously, to receive clear information, and to trust that their concerns will be addressed in a meaningful and respectful way.

Strengthening how complaints are handled and how victims' rights are enforced helps prevent retraumatization and restores faith in the systems meant to protect us.

I urge the committee to support LD 2163 so that future victims are met with clarity, care, and accountability rather than silence or confusion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.