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# Letters to the Editor

## **Letter from the president**

I would like to compliment the University of Maine Student Government for organizing the recent debate on LD 1196, An Act to Extend Civil rights Protections to All People Regardless of Sexual Orientation. Although I was unable to attend, I understand that there was an overflow audience. I think it is wonderful that so many UMaine students wish to

be well-informed about this issue before it appears on the November ballot. I hope that all eligible students cast votes on election day.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees has a clear nondiscrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation as a protected category. In other words, at the University of Maine it is against our policies to dis-

criminate in any way against students, faculty members or staff members because of their sexual orientation. I fully support that policy.

Once again, kudos to our students and their elected representatives for an excellent debate last week.

Robert A. Kennedy  
UMaine President