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LD 1656

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To: Senator Anne Carney  
Representative Amy Kuhn  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
From: Emanuel Pariser, Waterville Resident

RE: LD 1656 Testimony opposing LD 1656, "An Act to Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities"

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Chair Carney, Chair Kuhn, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

I would like to voice my opposition to LD 1656 for the following reasons:

1. I do not trust our current administration to follow due process and since they are issuing orders to ICE, I do not trust the process that will be followed by ICE in Maine will be legal.
2. I do not believe our local police are trained, have the time, or the staffing to engage in activity on behalf or with ICE.
3. I do not want to see local police departments get sued for making mistakes when they undertake immigration enforcement responsibilities; our towns are strapped for cash as it is, we don't need lawsuits from citizens illegally arrested, detained, and potentially deported. The liability could be staggering.
4. If local police are involved with criminal activity undertaken by someone who is not a US citizen, let them take the actions that they would in any other circumstance. There is no need for them to be forced to join with the Federal Government in this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on LD 1656. Please oppose it!

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