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Opposition to LD 1971 – An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities

I am writing in opposition to LD 1971 as our Maine law enforcement needs to work directly with immigration to ensure the safety of our state citizens.

The fact is that not all immigrants come into the US with the desire to start a good life. Many came into the country with the intent of harming the citizens, including those in Maine. How many have been arrested in Maine already with a criminal past? Do we need more drug dealers, murderers, and rapists on our streets? Do we need more pedophiles on our streets?

The fact is that immigration officers come to Maine to take away those that entered illegally. Entering our country illegally is a crime. They are not after those who came in legally.

Many people are claiming that these illegal immigrants come in to work the jobs that Mainers do not want. If they are here illegally, they legally cannot get a job. Anyone that hires an illegal immigrant in Maine is breaking the law and should be held accountable for these actions.

If you choose to pass LD 1971, you are failing the citizens of Maine. You are failing to protect the citizens of Maine by allowing potential criminals to run in the streets.