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LD 1971

Testimony before the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary 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 on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jane Beers and I am a resident of Belfast. I am testifying in support of LD 1971.

By passing this legislative document into law, the 132nd Legislature will ensure that all workers in the state of Maine will be protected from overreaching Federal mandates and ensure a full and vital workforce for our economy.

Maine workers should be able to perform their jobs without fear of unlawful stops and detentions. Regardless of immigration status, we all have constitutional rights which are guaranteed under the Federal and State Constitutions. Those who break the law should be accorded due process and the laws should be upheld. Those who do not break the law should be protected from harm.

We need all workers in Maine in order to keep our economy running and provide services to residents and visitors. Removing those who are here legally and have not broken any laws does NOT strengthen our economy it weakens it.

Please pass this legislation in order to ensure that the resources of our state and local law enforcement agencies will be used most effectively to enforce our state and local laws, not the changing whims of a federal agency.