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LD 1971

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Cynthia Marten and I live in south Portland. I am a member of the Allen Avenue UnitarianUniversalist Church in Portland where social justice issues are extremely important.

I am testifying in support of LD1971 An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities.

I believe that this bill protects public safety by clearly defining the role of Maine law enforcement and state employees. It ensures local officers focus on local priorities and maintains the trust communities need to keep everyone safe.

I believe that safety means being able to call the police when something's wrong, no matter who you are or how you look. This bill is essential to the safety and well being of all the people in our state. All people in Maine need to be able reach out to their local law enforcement with the knowledge that they will protect rather than participate in immigration enforcement.

As UU's we declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with

dignity, love, and compassion. We believe in encouraging multicultural communities where all

feel welcome and can thrive.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1971.