Mary Miller Oakfield LD 1259

In support of LD 1259, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement

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I support LD 1259, because it protects Maine residents, increases trust in Maine law enforcement, and keeps law enforcement resources in the local community. By preventing Maine law enforcement from entering into agreements with federal immigration forces, this bill saves them from extensive necessary training in federal procedures, protects them from liability should federal actions be illegal, and saves their limited resources for community public safety. It also keeps routine encounters from turning into a potential deportation risks, protects vulnerable legal immigrant populations, and safeguards trust between local law enforcement and the public. I urge its passage.

Respectfully, Mary Miller Oakfield, Maine