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Two of my friends, Asylum Seekers from the Republic of Congo were picked up by ICE, one on May 16th and one May 17th. These two men were stopped by ICE, in Portland, one on Deering Ave and the other on Riverside Drive. These two men have no criminal record, are in the country legally, in the process of seeking asylum. They were immediately taken to a Boston detention center. We do not live in a police state and this should not be happening. We don't want any local police to be participating in this activity - making immigrants more afraid of police. Immigrants should see police as a helpful resource not a fearful one. I am outraged and very sad that this occurred in my state and my city of Portland. I would definitely not support giving any help to ICE from any agency - and would totally support asking ICE to permanently leave our state, forever. I only hope you agree. Thank you.