Mary Miller Oakfield LD 1971

In Support of 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

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I am writing in support of LD 1971, because it protects local law enforcement from engaging in federal immigration work for which they are not trained, and for which they are not responsible. It also prevents other state employees from asking about and sharing immigration status, protecting both immigrants and those state employees. I believe local and state law enforcement and employees should be working for the safety and help of local communities, not federal immigration forces. I also believe immigrants need to be informed of their rights, which this bill would ensure, and that no one should be discriminated against on the basis of their immigration status. I urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully, Mary Miller Oakfield, Maine