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LD 1259

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Deborah Crump, I am a resident of West Paris where I have lived for more than 30 years and I am testifying in support of LD 1259, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

I value and support immigrants in Maine and want them to feel safe here and don't want our local police participating in the abusive and illegal deportation campaign that ICE is carrying out. I am speaking as a person of the UU tradition who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of all. My faith is centered on love and creating a diverse, multicultural community where all feel welcome and can thrive. And as a white person, I feel the responsibility to be sure people of color are not unfairly targeted; too many live in fear.

Federal immigration enforcement practices have violated the constitutional rights that apply to every person on U.S. soil. Because we need to ensure due process and equal protection for all, I urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 1259. Thank you.