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I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1259. As a resident of Wells, I was deeply concerned to learn that our local police department would be partnering with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Given how heavily our town relies on immigrant labor, this partnership is particularly troubling. Additionally, this agreement has heightened stress and anxiety among new Mainers and asylum seekers in our community. It's crucial that we consider the human impact of such agreements. We also do not need local law enforcement tasked with carrying out federal immigration policies. It's divisive and pushes a hateful agenda that with it will bring unbudgeted costs and liabilities. For all of these reasons, I urge you to please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1259, and prohibit state and local law enforcement in Maine from entering into contractual agreements with federal immigration enforcement agencies. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.