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LD 1259

My name is Sue Malcolm. I live in Falmouth, Maine and I am a member of the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church in Portland. Social justice issues are very important to my church and to me.

I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1259 for the following reasons: This bill is essential to the safety, security, and well being of the people of our state. Every person in our state needs to be supported in seeking health, educational and safety opportunities without fear of retaliation. Law enforcement, health care facilities and schools must be spaces that are safe.

Deputizing our local police to carry out federal immigration enforcement turns every routine encounter into a potential deportation risk. I believe the actions that ICE has been taking recently are unconstitutional because they deny due process to people living in our state. Having our own local police forcibly remove people from schools, health care facilities, or off the street breaks the necessary trust so essential to their ability to keep us safe. These actions create fear and make people less likely to call on police for help.

287(g) agreements strain already strained local resources.

For these reasons I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1259