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LD 1259

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn , and esteemed members of the judiciary
Committee:

My name is Carol Jenkins and I am a resident of Portland, Maine. I am a 91 year old woman

And have fought my whole life for freedom and justice for all members of our democratic

Society. I am testifying in support of LD1259 An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine

By Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

This bill is essential to the safety and well being of the people of our state. All people in

Maine need to be supported in seeking safety, health, and educational opportunities, so law

Enforcement, health care facilities and schools must remain spaces they can access without

fear of retaliation. The actions that ICE has been taking over the past few months are unconstitutional because they deny due process to people who are living in our country.

They negate our rights to safety at home and in our daily life. Having our local police forcibly remove people of the street , from schools, or healthcare facilities would break

the trust that is essential to the ability of the police to keep us safe.

As Americans we have long declared that every person is inherently worthy and has a right to flourish with dignity, love and compassion. I believe in encouraging multicultural

communities where all can feel welcome and can thrive. We need these influxes of new, young

people to keep our country strong and free.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1259.

Sincerely,

Carol V. Jenkins