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Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am testifying in support of LD 1259 and LD 1971.

There might be an appropriate time for state and local communities to cooperate with the Federal Government's ICE. That would not be now.

The Trump administration is conducting itself in lawless ways, failing to provide due process and "sweeping up" people with little or no proof of the person's status, shipping them off to foreign countries and then when they discover the abduction was a mistake, refusing to correct the error. Abrego Garcia languishes in El Salvador's notorious brutal prison while Trump dares the courts to force his hand.

Garcia is not a criminal. He was in the US legally, married with a child who's a citizen and was part of an apprenticeship, learning a valued trade. He's a perfect example of what we need more of in Maine and elsewhere.

Many polls demonstrate that Americans support deporting criminals, not people who have not committed crimes.

I ask you to pass both LD 1259 and LD 197. Thank you again for the opportunity and for all your work for the people of Maine!