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LD 1259

Esteemed Legislators:

I am writing to urge passage of LD 1259, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

Our local police departments do not have the financial resources nor the training necessary to act as immigration agents. Moreover, it would put our municipal public servants under the control of federal agents who are operating without regard to legal and constitutional rights, such as the conduction of seizures of citizens without warrants, without probable cause and without due process. Making our local police party to these infringements of rights diminishes the protection of citizens and exposes the police themselves to charges of abuse, making them less effective as peacekeepers in our communities.