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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Josie, I live in Portland, and I am here to testify in favor of LD 1259 and LD 1971.

I support these bills because I do not believe that ICE keeps our communities safe even though it pretends to. Immigrants are not a danger to our communities - instead, government bodies that disappear people without due process are the real danger. Also dangerous is giving ICE more access to power by allowing them to collaborate with local police departments which claim to keep our communities safe. I do not want my tax dollars going toward this collaboration. ICE, and the police working with them, drive divisions and fear into our communities, which ultimately makes them less safe.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259 and 1971. Thank you for your time, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.