

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**To: Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

Chairs: Senator Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn

**RE: Testimony in Support of LD 1259, HP0834** An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

**I urge you to vote “Ought to Pass” on L.D. 1259.**

LD 1259 would prohibit agreements between Maine law enforcement officers and Federal Law Enforcement.

With the Federal Department of Justice lawyers arguing that the executive branch has the legal authority to ignore US Supreme Court and inferior court orders and with Federal law enforcement agencies ignoring the basic civil rights of US residents, the government of Maine can not trust that an agreement between local and Federal law enforcement agencies will protect our basic rights.

I therefore urge the committee report LD 1259 out as “Ought to Pass”.

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