

Testimony submitted May 19, 2025 by Diana Page, of Blue Hill, in favor of LD1259

An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement -
Committee on the Judiciary

On April 25, I came to this committee to testify against the another bill, LD1656, requiring local Maine authorities to cooperate with the Federal agents of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE).

At that hearing, I expressed my concern about the impact that the current ICE actions could have on my friends and neighbors living in the Blue Hill Peninsula. That proposal claimed that it would prevent crime, implying that all persons who are not U.S. citizens and legal residents are most likely to be criminals. They are not.

The immigrants may or may not be “legally” in the United States, but they are working, serving our community and needed for our work force. These are people I know personally. They provide care and serve us. I also care about their children who could be separated from them.

From what we have observed over and over during the past month, the actions of ICE are often crimes; they are breaking our fundamental laws, ignoring our constitutional bill of rights.

This bill, LD1259, is necessary because we need to be protected from ICE, which does not provide due process to those being arrested. Local law enforcement has enough to do dealing with murder, assault, drugs, robbery and domestic violence. Our local authorities cannot become liable when ICE agents kidnap our neighbors.

LD1259 is what my community needs, please vote for it. Let local authorities continue to carry out their duties; protect them from the unconstitutional federal agents.

Respectfully submitted,

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