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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. I am writing to testify in favor of LD 1259.

This state and this country cannot thrive without immigrants. In the past three months, however, prospective immigrants with documentation or on their way to properly pursue documentation have been swept off the street without due process. Even those who are undocumented deserve a court hearing under our constitution.

It should not be the business of Maine state agencies to expand their responsibilities into an area in which they have no training or experience. Maine agencies especially should not participate in activities of questionable legality, like the current ICE operations nationwide.

Some prospective immigrants deserve to be deported. But we have no way of knowing which ones unless all of them are afforded due process. Please do not allow (or instruct) Maine agencies to take part in a cruel and unconstitutional federal effort.

Sincerely,
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