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

How can we live in a world where a person can be publicly attacked, violently abducted, and torn away from their families and everything they know at any time for no reason and with no due process? It is more than unconstitutional - it is inhumane and demonstrates a fundamental disregard for the humanity of others. Members of our community who have made their homes here no longer feel safe existing in public. Their lives have been disrupted from fear that they will be next.

If this somehow isn't alarming enough, immigration enforcement doesn't just affect people without legal status - US citizens and lawful residents have been mistakenly detained and even deported. Under this paradigm, no one is safe. It starts now, with protecting the most vulnerable in our community. We have a chance to fight against the wave of terror and injustice happening at a national level. I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259 and LD 1971. Thank you for your time, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.