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LD 1259

“Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jana Robinson, I live in Mount Desert, ME, and I am writing to testify in favor of LD 1259.

I fully support the proposed LD 1259, which would make it illegal for any Maine law enforcement agency to enter into a 287(g) agreement and carry out federal immigration enforcement actions on behalf of ICE> As has been seen, ICE is not observing our constitutional rights of due process, is transporting people across state lines and away from legal aid.

I would like to be able to trust my local law enforcement officials, and cooperation with ICE agents will undermine my belief that my local law enforcement officials will protect me. I’ve worked with domestic abuse services for more than 10 years. Trust in local law enforcement is essential for survivors and victims to make a report, and allowing cooperation with ICE will seriously undermine such trust.

I believe that adding responsibilities to local enforcement personnel will increase the costs and decrease the responsiveness of local services. LD 1259 gives communities the stability they need to keep working, learning, and contributing to a stronger Maine.

“I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259. Thank you for your time, I’m happy to answer any questions that you have”