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LD 1259

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Margy (Margaret) Grace Dowzer. I have lived in Maine for going on 25 years, and in Portland for the last 9 years.

I write to voice my support for LD 1259, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

I believe clarity in law and government is essential, especially in times of upheaval. This legislation, if passed, would make it illegal for any Maine law enforcement agency to make an agreement and carry out federal immigration enforcement actions on behalf of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement authority, better known as ICE.

I don't think Maine law enforcement should be carrying out the duties of a federal agency, especially one that has shown such cruelty, disregard, and disrespect of our laws, and our people. It hurts to see due process and human dignity being violated so openly. It would undermine public safety, divert resources from state and local law enforcement, and potentially increase police liability for all kinds of injury. Maine law enforcement already has their hands full. They should not have to take on responsibilities they are not trained for, nor should Maine taxpayers have to shoulder additional expense.

Please vote Ought to Pass for LD 1259.

Thank you,

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