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LD 1971

Dear Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Hadriane and I'm a resident of Portland, ME. I'm writing to urge you to support LD 1971, An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities.

The bill would provide critical protections for members of our communities from abuse by federal immigration enforcement. Immigration lawyers in Maine are reporting Border Patrol agents arresting and deporting asylum seekers, including people who are in lawful immigration processes, have work permits, and no criminal records. This is unjust, hugely consequential for those directly impacted, and unacceptable. LD1971 would also protect the rights of those already in custody by prohibiting discrimination in the provision of educational opportunities and good conduct credits and protect their information from being accessed by anyone without a legitimate/necessary reason to know. This bill is essential for protecting the rights of everyone in Maine communities.

Please support LD 1971 and vote "ought to pass."

Sincerely,
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