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LD 1971

Dear Representative DHLAC, Senator Talbot Ross, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Margy (Margaret) Dowzer. I have been a resident of Maine for 25 years, and currently live in Portland.

I am writing to urge you to vote to pass 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.

I believe this bill is a necessary component of implementing LD 1259, for which I have submitted supportive testimony in a separate letter today. I have read this entire bill, and appreciate the clear definitions, specified prohibitions, delineation of duties, and record keeping that is required. While I am not a lawyer or law enforcement officer, I have served as a first responder (EMT) and have some sense of how quickly chaos can ensue in upsetting situations, especially when there is no calm leader who knows their legal responsibilities, as well as their limits. This, of course requires good training, but I believe it will serve our state well, now, and in the future.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 1971.

Thank you,
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