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LD 1259

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Marita Kennedy-Castro, I live in Portland and I am submitting testimony today in favor of LD 1259.

LD 1259 will help protect Maine state police and sheriffs from doing violent work that is not their job, and not what they signed up for and took an oath for. Their job is to serve and protect the people, not to terrorize and separate families and bring deeper unrest and fear to our neighborhoods. It is essential that we maintain the power to govern and discern what is best for our communities at the local level, rather than being forced to carry out harmful, unaccountable and unconstitutional programs on the federal government's behalf.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259 for the sake of what is right and just, and for the safety and respect of everyone involved.

Thank you for your time and for listening with an open heart to your constituents.