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Hello Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the committee.

My name is Barbara West, I'm a plumber in bath. In my work I have seen lots of people in their homes, some in very precarious situations, and the idea that we have a chance to curtail the invasive barbarities of ICE means a great deal to me. In my opinion this whole issue is really about what kind of a country do we want to be. Do we want to be a country that supports genocide, arms militaries around the world that are doing life-threatening activities on a huge scale, or do we want to work for a world in which we can all live safely and prioritize the things that bring us security like food, shelter, and meeting people's basic needs.

Thank you for your time.