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I am testifying on behalf of myself, my husband and neighbors (who are citizens for 25 yrs here in Maine but now are fearful immigrants). Twice in this last week alone we have been to Market Basket and witnessed ICE agents forcefully snatching people and leaving their cars behind- destinations unknown. This obviously strikes fear in all of us and it is destroying our communities, our economy and peoples lives. This bill will hopefully restore our public entities, like hospitals, libraries and schools as needed safe havens so some degree of public safety can be restored. This is an emergency situation. Immigration is not the real issue here- many years of deporting those who actually are criminals have been carried out without the expensive and aggressive deployment of military agents to cities that have not needed or requested their presence. Mainers need to act fast and stay firm against those who blatantly are ignoring basic humane actions and all of our Constitutional Laws.