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LD 387, "An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State"

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:

I am Trey Stewart; and I represent Senate District 2, which includes communities in Penobscot and Aroostook Counties.

This would normally be the time when I would present LD 387, "An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to this State;" however, I am asking you to vote this measure out Ought Not To Pass. Unfortunately, I did not intend to withdraw this bill until after it was scheduled for a public hearing, thus, being too late to do so.

The reason for the change of heart with the measure is because I believe Representative Greg Swallow has a bill that better addresses the issue of noncitizens relocating to our State; and I will be offering testimony in support of that measure, LD 422, "An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality."

Thank you.