

Respected committee ~~wa~~ chairs and members. I am
Lyn Grotke, a voter from Unity, I will testify in
support of LD1259 An Act to Enhance Public Safety by Defining
the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement
and in support for LD1971 An Act to Protect Workers in this
State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local
Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration
Authorities Please, vote ought to pass.

I am here to relate to an anecdote that illustrates
what is actually happening. Two residents of my town
were recently abducted by ICE. They are both working
men with current green cards. They were pulled over
by local police for driving 8 mph over the speed limit.
Instead of ticketing them the local police detained
them, likely an act of racial profiling, and summoned
ICE. The men were taken into custody and as far as
I know await a hearing in an ICE prison in
Massachusetts. Their passenger, the wife of one, who is a
young vulnerable woman, and who is not fluent in English
yet, was left alone at night in the forest beside a
road. Their teenage sons were home alone.

To illustrate that our community is supportive of their
release I will say that near \$200K dollars has been
quickly raised to help our neighbors.

This kind of overreach by law enforcement
makes all of us unsafe!