

Statement in Support of L.D. 1259 and L.D. 1971

Hearing at 1 pm – Room 438, 4th Floor, Capitol Building, Augusta, Maine
Monday, May 19, 2025
regarding -

L.D. 1259 *prohibits local law enforcement from signing* formal agreements with ICE regarding immigration. Ensuring that local law enforcement agencies do not collaborate and cooperate with ICE on immigration enforcement, except in very limited and specific circumstances.

L.D. 1971 which specifically defines and details the relationship between local police departments and ICE. It *makes it clear that ICE may not use local authorities as their accomplices*: detailing which law enforcement actions are prohibited, mandated, and in some instances, left to the discretion of the local authorities.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I, Ellen G. Fraser, of 148 Breakwater Drive, Unit 614, South Portland, Maine hereby make my statement of support of L.D. 1259 and L.D. 1971 which impose restraints on ICE as to use of force without “due process” of the law against people living in the State of Maine. Under no circumstances do I agree that either Federal or State or Local governments can seize individuals, much less children and then jail or confine them. We must at all cost, maintain Maine and our local communities according to the accepted Rules of Law already established.

As a woman whose family came here in 1873 from Scotland, and 1881 from Ireland, immigrants are the foundation of this country. Both sides of my family not only built this country, but on one side – a great uncle was one of the youngest men inducted into the U.S. Marshall Corp – who is written about in the history of the old West having thwarted train robberies and knew Presidents... who also made major contributions to our history otherwise.

All branches of my family fought in every war from the American Revolution onward, and one branch of my family includes people native to Mexico. One of my proudest realities is to say I have friends from nearly every continent on earth, and at least minor knowledge of each culture. I say this with great pride. All people are entitled to the same inalienable rights as every other person. Period. DUE PROCESS The Declaration of Independence.

Please vote for and support L.D. 1259 and L.D. 1971 In my case my WWII Veteran parents, stood their ground and fought back against extremism. Please vote accordingly.

Signed:


ELLEN G. FRASER

Ellen G. Fraser, signed May 18, 2025