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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today. I am here to speak in favor of LD 963, "An Act To Create Culturally Sensitive Treatment and Recovery Halfway Houses for Immigrants Transitioning out of the Juvenile Justice System." My name is Mariam Mohamed and I am a resident of Scarborough Maine.

I am sharing my experiences today as: as a youth community leader. I have worked with youth and parents within the Lewiston and Portland community. Many time we here from both youth and parents feeling like they cannot be heard or find anyone who understands their experience. There is very low trust with the authorities. That's someone thing that needs to change. I support this bill.