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Decolonize Demilitarize Now

Below is a resubmission of my testimony as the previous submission contained errors.

I have zero confidence in the Justice system of colonizers. I am straddling the fence on this legislation as survivors deserve more than the opportunity to petition for expungement, survivors deserve guaranteed expungement of these discriminatory criminalization practices. Trump Era Naziist Immigration policies are reflective of U.S. white nationalist policies pre-1930s which inspired the Third Reich. These policies and laws target survivors as well as Maine's Black immigrant communities and Indigenous Nations of Wobanakik. These are my demands:

Immediately halt anti-immigrant policies as they inflict further harm on immigrant survivors of gender-based violence.

End courthouse detention of witnesses and victims by ICE.

End 287(g) agreements between ICE and local law enforcement agencies authorizing local law enforcement to enforce immigration law. Eliminate penalties in grant programs for communities that have strong sanctuary policies.

Increase access to U-visas and T-visas. Train police and prosecutors in providing U-visa and T-visa certifications. Restore asylum eligibility for survivors of gender-based violence.

Strengthen enforcement of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Thoroughly investigate and, where the evidence is sufficient, prosecute sexual predators within Customs and Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement; increase screening to prevent hiring and retention of sexual predators within CPB and ICE.

Empower Native and First Nation survivors of sexual violence by lifting the restrictions on tribal authority to prosecute all sexual assault, trafficking, and stalking crimes against Native people by non-Natives in Indian Country with the intention to spread this movement across Wobanakik and Turtle Island as a whole. Ensure Native women are protected by the federal government adequately carrying out its unique jurisdictional responsibility to prosecute crimes committed in Indian Country.

To create a healthy, harmonious society, colonial hierarchical practices must be eliminated. Every law I critique disproportionately affects survivors, Black-immigrant and Wabanaki communities. In all aspects of Maine law, I demand consultation of local communities including 5 Wabanaki Nations: Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, Abnaki, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy as well as our powerful and present immigrant communities, including but not limited to the Nations Dinka, Nuer, Acholi, Zande, Somali, Guatemalan, Haitian and many more to come.