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LD 1656

I am writing in opposition to LD 1656. I want to be clear. I do not oppose the exercise of law enforcement activities that are consistent with the rights given all who are present in the United States as provided by the Constitution and the laws of the United States. Proper identification, warrants, Miranda rights, right to a lawyer, 5th Amendment right, right to a hearing, etc. But I am definitely opposed to the absence of these in the practices of ICE and CBP under the current administration. Therefore any collusion between state and local law enforcement entities must be prevented. Only individual states can act to protect the rights given to all because the current federal government is abusing those rights. Maine cannot be bullied into submission. It is time to demand the proper execution of the administration of our immigration laws. Please vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 1656 and any other bill that attempts to advance the illegitimate activities of ICE and CBP. Thank you.