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LD 1259

I am testifying in favor of LD 1259 because I personally feel that it's vital our law enforcement does not collaborate with ICE. As someone who has lived in southern Maine my whole life, I've seen first-hand how our state has become more diverse over the course of my life, and I've seen first-hand how much better a community we've become because of it. Everyone can recognize how a range of different experiences and perspectives is beneficial to everyone. Immigrants help to bring that to our beautiful home of the state of Maine. They deserve to feel the same comfort and safety here that those of us who were born here feel. If law enforcement continues to collaborate with ICE, it will only sow fear and heartbreak where there should be compassion and acceptance.