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LD 1971

To members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of LD 1971, "An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities." I support this bill, as well as LD 1259, because police and sheriffs department employees should not be cooperating with or supporting federal agencies that are violating basic civil rights and liberties of individuals, especially immigrants, in this country. Their legal rights are being violated consistently, as various judges have noted.

All individuals deserve their day in court if charged with a crime. The crimes some of those taken by ICE/CBP are being charged with have been proven false. Such vigilante "justice" is causing fear among people throughout the country. Anyone could be next, taken off the street or from their homes with the flimsiest of excuses, including those who oppose violations of the US Constitution that ICE is perpetrating. This threatens the basic value of freedom that every person in the US cherishes.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1971.

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