Jerry David Wells LD 1259

My name is Jerry David and I am a resident of Wells Maine, I support bills LD1259 & LD1971.

I have been a paramedic for 25 years, 21 of those in the fire service. In my time as a paramedic I worked and had close ties with the local police. Two of which are close friends. A trust was built between the local police, myself, & crew. I knew that the local police would have my back in difficult calls at all hours. They knew that if they got injured I was there for them — and I was on numerous occasions.

Never in my career did any fire, ems or police ask a patient that I was treating immigration status, religion, political opinion. That was not my or the police's intent. We were there to serve the community in times of crisis.

The thousands of people I treated trusted me and the local police to allow us into their homes in order to help.

If you allow ICE & the Federal Government to use our local police forces to carry out their dictates we will lose that trust between public servants and the community they serve.

ICE/Federal Government have already taken innocent people off the street without due process. Is that what we want our police to be doing? Vote for these bills.

Thank you.