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LD 1259

Testimony in Support of LD 1259

An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the
Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement

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Committee

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I am writing to urge you to support LD 1259. As the resident of a border town, I am concerned that our town police, state troopers, and sheriffs, who are paid to protect our local community, will be used for ICE check-points and apprehending people who are here without documentation. This will not only pull resources from our own community, but also create an environment of fear and mistrust. Some of us will fear being mistakenly arrested and sent away without due process, and others will just feel less safe. We are facing a time of economic and political uncertainty. This is a time to be building relationships in our community, rather than sowing seeds of suspicion and intimidation. As a major port of entry, we have enjoyed having border protection personnel as neighbors. Let them do their jobs and allow local law enforcement to spend their time enforcing traffic laws, responding to crises, and investigating both minor and major crimes in our area. We'll all feel safer knowing there is a well defined line between the work of each agency, as there is meant to be. Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1259.

Thank you for your consideration,
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