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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

Indivisible Peninsula is here to testify in favor of LD 1259. We are a 65-member community of concerned citizens from the Blue Hill peninsula.

We are collectively dismayed by reports of people being apprehended off the streets without a judicial warrant. We support the rights of people to due process and equal protection before the law. These actions set a deleterious precedent and threaten the rights of all Americans.

Secondly, we want state and local law enforcement to adhere to their defined duties. They should not expand their responsibilities into immigration law enforcement for which they have no training nor expertise. As taxpayers, we want the police to focus on the safety of our local communities.

Finally, we acknowledge the key contributions that immigrants play in Maine's agriculture and tourism industry. They are valued members of our communities. Immigrants who are here legally should not be subjected to harassment and illegal seizure on the streets of Maine.

We urge you to vote in favor of LD 1259. Thank you for your time. We are available answer any questions that you have.

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