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LD 1971

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the judiciary committee:

My name is Gerald Freeman, and I am a resident of Falmouth, Maine. I am testifying in SUPPORT of LD1971, An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal Immigration Authorities. This bill provides clear boundaries to prevent local and state resources from being enmeshed in ICE operations and helps ensure that Maine's agencies serve all of Maine's residents. In addition, the bill establishes protections for immigrant detainees, including informing them of their rights before interviews with immigration authorities and prohibiting discrimination based on their immigration status.

This bill protects public safety by clearly defining the role of Maine law enforcement and state employees. It ensures that local officers focus on local priorities and maintain the trust that all Maine residents need to keep everyone safe.

I urge the committee to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 1971.