

May 19, 2025

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Julia Harper, I live in Lewiston, and I respectfully submit this testimony in favor of both LD 1259 and LD 1971.

My community of Lewiston is home to people from all over the world — each person is vital to our community, as well our state's economy, and all have rights under the US Constitution. This federal government — and those before it — have violated Constitutional rights while attempt to implement a mass deportation agenda. For example, in 2025, immigrants in \*good legal standing\* have been abducted by ICE without due process and deported. The thing about due process is, if some people don't have it, then no one has it — and this endangers every Mainer, and it is not in accordance with the rule of law.

In addition, Maine law enforcement agents, or state workers, doing the job of federal immigration authorities, would open Maine taxpayers up to costly lawsuits. Maine resources should be used for Maine communities. This is vital in a year where every public dollar counts.

I urge you to vote in favor of both LD 1259 and LD1971. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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