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LD 1259

I am stating my unqualified support for both LD 1259 and LD 1971, to prevent local Maine police and sheriffs from acting as the arms of ICE, and therefore of President Trump's monstrous mass deportation scheme. 287(g) agreements, and indeed any collaboration between state and local law enforcement and federal immigration agents enables cruelty, violence, and racism against peaceful communities of immigrants, and if this state is to hold its head up against the scrutiny of history, it must not facilitate such crimes. For God's sake, pass these bills and protect all immigrant Americans, and thus all Americans. Do not think of the papers they may or may not possess, but of who they are as human beings, and extend to them the duty of care and respect that every human being owes to every other by virtue of the kinship we share.