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LD 1971

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

My name is Carol Jenkins and I am a member of the Allen Avenue Unitarian
Universalist

Church in Portland where social justice issues are extremely important.

I have fought my whole life for freedom and justice for all members of our
democratic

Society. 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 is essential to the safety and well being of the people of our state. All people
in

Maine need to be supported in seeking safety, health, and educational opportunities,
so law

Enforcement, health care facilities and schools must remain spaces they can access
without

fear of retaliation. The actions that ICE has been taking over the past few months
are unconstitutional because they deny due process to people who are living in our
country.

They negate our rights to safety at home and in our daily life. Having our local police
forcibly remove people of the street , from schools, or healthcare facilities would
break

the trust that is essential to the ability of the police to keep us safe.

As Americans and UUS we have long declared that every person is inherently worthy
and has a

right to flourish with dignity, love and compassion. I believe in encouraging
multicultural

communities where all can feel welcome and can thrive. We need these influxes of
new, young

people to keep our country strong and free. We depend on them to power our
economy in

Many ways. They are valuable members of our communities!

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1971.

Sincerely,

Carol V. Jenkins