

**Testimony in support of LD 1259
to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Sarah Johnson and I am a resident of Sanford.

I am writing in support of LD 1259 An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement.

The safety and well being of everyone depends on a level of trust between the general public and local law enforcement. We will all be less safe because people may not report crime or seek the help that they need and deserve because of their immigration status and how local law enforcement personnel may react. Federal courts are currently dealing with due process violations. Maine should not be subjecting our law enforcement personnel to the stress and possibly unlawful actions that are clearly happening at the federal level.

LD 1259 will help Maine communities be as welcoming and safe as we can collectively make them.

I hope you will vote Ought To Pass on LD 1259.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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