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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Committee. My name is James Richter. I'm a resident of Lewiston concerned about upholding the US constitution and preserve our democracy.

I would like to support LD 1259 that would prohibit local law enforcement agencies from making agreements with ICE. Unfortunately, ICE has a record of ignoring due process in detaining and deporting immigrants in the United States, including immigrants who have all the documentation to live, study and work here legally. In addition to the threat this represents to all law-abiding people in the United States, I am afraid that if local law enforcement agencies aid and abet such lawless activity, they will be susceptible to civil suits against them, causing considerable emotional and professional distress and costing local and state governments considerable legal fees and, if they lose, compensation.

Thank you for allowing me to offer this support.