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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.

I would like to support LD 1971 that would prohibit local law enforcement and other state agencies from providing certain information to ICE. Unfortunately, ICE has a record of violating the right to process guaranteed to all people residing in the United States. Though supposedly targeting illegal immigrants, they have detained and deported people living here with all the necessary documentation, seemingly because of their political opinions. I need hardly tell you the threat this holds for all Americans. This bill is a step to make sure this does not happen, and will also protect state and local government employees from civil litigation if they inadvertently assist ICE in such illegal activities.