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My name is Galen Schlich and I am a resident of Scarborough, having lived in the general Portland area now for over the last fifteen years. Over the time I have lived here, I have come to appreciate the atmosphere of this area, the civil society it is, the peace here, and of the populace in general that always seem to be looking for ways to help other people if they need it.

As most citizenry do, I greatly appreciate the tough job our local law enforcement performs, they risk their lives daily to keep everyone safe, they are public servants of the highest order and deserve absolute respect for the dangerous jobs they do. That being said, what is greatly concerning me and many others in our community is the possibility of the injection of federal ICE agents being into our local law enforcement, or our police being used as ICE agents. This to me is a red line, and not because I don't support law enforcement, but quite the opposite, I support 'the laws'. The current administration that is in the white house have a very, very different idea on those 'laws'. They have shown time and time again that they are willing to subvert, bend or skirt around any of the laws that may get in the way in order to get what they want, and to achieve their agenda at any cost, even human suffering. They have also committed human rights abuses by detaining and deporting people to foreign prisons without the right of due process, which is about as alarming as it gets, since due process is a fundamental cornerstone of our constitution. This has to stop.

I would like to urge you to resist in supporting this dubious cooperation. If these two entities integrate, I fear that not only will it massively eat away at public trust for our local law enforcement in general, it exposes people here to deportation, family separation, and indefinite detention in a system with little to no due process. It's a choice that undermines trust in public institutions, spreads fear, and uses local resources to do the federal government's dirty work. This is not right.

I am urging you again, please do the right thing for our community and stand up to this out of control federal government and it's rogue ICE agents and discourage this union between our police and them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Galen Schlich