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My name is Anna Sommo and I live in Portland, Maine and I am testifying in support of LD 1259. Fear and distrust in our Maine communities makes us all less safe- and if people are afraid of the police they will be less likely to report crimes or help with investigations. Local police cooperation with ICE also means fewer resources going towards local needs, and we already know that these resources are strained by current demands. I also know that when police violate citizens' rights, they will face lawsuits that will further strain these local resources, and ICE has been a perpetrator of these violations. Local police should not be involved with this. I want to live in a community where I feel safe and others do to- and I believe that LD 1259 would create a safer Maine for all of us.