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Dear honorable Committee on State and Local Government.

My name is Mohamed Ibrahim, I live in Lewiston. on behalf of Maine People's Alliance, its staff, leaders, its volunteers and its members across the State of Maine. I am writing to express my strong support for L.D. 2167, an act to develop Maine's economy and strengthen its workforce by establishing an Office of New Americans focused on fairness, equity, and serving the very diverse new American communities.

As a member of my community and someone deeply invested in the well-being and success of all individuals, I believe that L.D. 2167 presents a tremendous opportunity to nurture inclusivity, embrace diversity, and unlock the vast potential of new Americans in Maine. This legislation acknowledges the invaluable contributions that immigrants make to our state's economy and culture.

The proposed Office of New Americans will play a crucial role in creating a more positive and welcoming environment for immigrants, as well as providing them with the necessary support to successfully integrate into our society. By focusing on fairness and equity, this office will ensure that new Americans have access to the resources and services they need to thrive, contributing not only to their own success but also to the ongoing growth and prosperity of Maine as a whole.

Furthermore, the establishment of this office signifies Maine's commitment to diversity, and sends a powerful message that we value the unique perspectives, skills, and experiences that immigrants bring to our state. By prioritizing the needs of new Americans, we can foster a sense of belonging and create opportunities for them to fully utilize their talents, thus helping to drive innovation and economic development.

By passing L.D. 2167, Maine would not only be embracing its rich heritage but also taking a proactive and forward-thinking approach towards creating a prosperous future. The new Office of New Americans will strengthen our workforce, encourage entrepreneurship, promote cultural exchanges, and enhance Maine's global competitiveness.

I urge you to support this pivotal legislation and help make Maine a shining example of how diversity can be harnessed for the collective benefit of all. L.D. 2167 will not only transform the lives of new Americans but also shape a brighter future for our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,