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**To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government**

Regarding L.D. 422, “An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality”.

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Sen. Baldacci, Rep. Salisbury, and members of the State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 422 “An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality”.

Noncitizens, “illegal aliens” should not be placed in any municipality in Maine for Maine citizens’ protection alone, say nothing about the cost to taxpayers for care of these individuals. ICE is working non-stop to rid our country of these law breakers who come here illegally, and Maine must not be a safe haven for them.

Newscasts speak every day of violent sex crimes these individuals perpetrate against young girls, as well as other crimes of theft, murder, drug dealings, and more. We are not free as a state or nation if we don’t protect our borders, and Maine has a large border.

This bill stops willy nilly placement of these illegal individuals in Maine without citizen knowledge or approval and I’m thankful for the legislators who sponsored this bill.

I urge this committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 422. Thank you.