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My name is Brian Libby and I reside in South Portland Maine. I have two young children. I have a close family member who identifies as trans. I am, on a daily basis, appalled and alarmed the inhumane and blatantly unconstitutional acts being committed by our president and his administration. Now I'm hearing that ICE may be coming to our quiet state in more force.

3 years ago, I was in Lewiston the night of that deadly shooting. I was at a meeting near the bar where one of the shootings occurred. The father of one of the people that was at that meeting with me was killed. I've lived in Maine all my life, and that was the closest I've ever been to violence of that magnitude in my 44 years.

Now, I fear more of violence maybe be heading Maine's way, this time sanctioned by our own federal government. This is a gross violation of our constitutional rights and must not stand.

I know many people of color, something I could not really say when I was growing up. I know naturalized citizens, I've worked with immigrants, and my children go to a school that has more diversity than I ever knew as a child. I believe this is a good thing for Maine, and for our country at large.

The way that ICE is systematically threatening violence and unlawful detainment of people, without due process, sickens me.

Maine MUST divest from companies that are promoting such activities. Companies like Signature Aviation, in particular due to their connections to ICE, but also Palantir and Boeing, for their participation in atrocities in other countries as well as our own.

Please support LD 1383. Please support human decency. Please support compassion, so we can create a state and a world I'm not afraid to raise my children in.

Thank you.