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Good morning, my name is Katie Liberman from Owls Head, Maine. I am a scientist, educator, and a queer, disabled Jew. I am testifying in favor of passing LD 1383 in solidarity with my Latino and immigrant friends and neighbors.

My Latina friend—who is an American citizen and state employee—hasn't left the house for groceries in more than a week. She hadn't eaten much of anything in days when I finally heard from her. She was too afraid of ICE to leave the house to eat. My Singaporean neighbor is leaving the country after her seasonal job ended, but does not plan to return next season out of fear of ICE detention.

I am heartbroken, ashamed, and yet unsurprised that Maine doesn't protect those who are the most vulnerable to ICE's atrocities. I am testifying today for my friend and the many others like her who are struck with the fear of ICE barging into their workplaces and neighborhoods. Our tax dollars shouldn't hurt people.

In Judaism, we have a duty of Tikkun Olam —repairing the world—and supporting LD 1383 is a first step in doing so in Maine. Our state must not invest in companies that profit from ICE detentions and war crimes. Please vote ought to pass for LD 1383. Thank you.