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LD 2106

I am a Maine Certified Teacher who has worked at the Maine Department of Education as the English as a Second Language Consultant for 8 years. I am now a School Board member who has brought to the attention of the School District I serve the importance of a policy which would protect our language minority children in public schools.

Up until the second Trump administration, our Nation had a federal policy that prohibited ICE enforcement actions at public places such as schools and hospitals. These protections ensured that all people in the U.S. could access crucial public services without fear. Now those protections are gone.

Those protections did not pose any significant impediment to law enforcement. Now immigration enforcement is broad and indiscriminate which has created a public health and general well-being crisis in cities across the Nation. Many people are now afraid to leave their homes, to go to work, to seek medical care, to send their children to school, seek social services, attend religious services, and move freely about the communities in which they live.

Sadly, these pressures are here in Maine right now. I support LD 2106, because of the above facts and because ALL of us deserve to have the "safe havens" of schools, libraries, and hospitals in our communities. Please support the passage of LD 2106.