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LD 2106

I am writing in support of LD 2106, restoring protection for individuals and families exercising basic human rights in accessing services at hospitals, schools, day care centers, and libraries. The effects of ICE officers conducting legally questionable arrests at any of these locations are profoundly negative, creating a chilling effect on entire communities who rely on these locations to meet everyday essential needs. This is a commonsense law to promote public health, safety, and dignity for everyone in Maine. Just as much as we cannot afford to lose the educators, the home health care givers, the day care providers, and all of the other professionals in our workforce who fear being profiled by ICE, we cannot afford not to send each community member's children to day care or school, or to scare anyone away from a health care center. To the extent that we all depend on one another to contribute to the well-being of our society, we depend on shared and open access to the services that sustain each of us. Please pass LD 2106 for the good of all.