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LD 2106

Please support LD 2106. This bill will prevent ICE agents from using data to enter private spaces such as hospitals, schools, libraries or childcare centers. This will prevent unnecessary cruelty and mental trauma to children and workers in these areas. Immigrant parents should be allowed to work or to drop off their children at school without the fear of being kidnapped and detained. This fear of being kidnapped becomes a mental trauma not just for the families and individuals involved but for the entire community in Maine.

The recent spate of bodily harm to individuals, their personal property, cars or homes has no place in Maine. Most of those assaulted are Maine citizens or individuals going through proper legal channels for citizenship.

The recent executions of people in Minnesota by ICE is a crime and a violation of human rights. The intentional brutality and injuries incurred to individuals in Maine are a black stain on our state. Minnesota is an example of how our situation in Maine can spiral down. ICE does not need access to data base information that should be private. Unless a proper judicial order is requested to enter a person's home there should be no violence and breaking down people's doors or smashing of car windows. Most of the individuals targeted have been profiled and are people of color. They have to go into hiding.

This emergency bill will protect Maine's children from mental trauma and anxiety and help them feel safe in these places listed earlier. LD 2106 will give parents peace of mind that their children will be safe. This will allow workers in healthcare, hospitals, schools, and libraries to feel safe to go to work and to not have to worry about being snatched away.. The present illegality of ICE's actions is shameful. Please end this violence and destruction of property to Maine residents now.