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Dear Members of the Maine State Judiciary Committee:

I am writing as a High School English teacher from Spruce Mountain High School in Jay, concerned about my students, among others. I worry for my students whose parents are undocumented citizens.

As I understand the so-called “emergency ICE bill,” it will prohibit ICE from entering schools, daycare centers, libraries, hospitals, and perhaps even houses of worship. I agree wholeheartedly with this bill because in my 57 years of life, I have found people who work in these organizations to be some of the most compassionate and protective in our society. We do not want our clientele to be terrorized by ICE at all, but particularly in places that are supposed to be safe for them.

ICE is a menace in our streets, and increasingly in the homes of undocumented citizens. Please do what you can to protect our citizens in places that are at their best when they are providing safe haven.