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My parents fled from Nazi Europe just prior to WWII, immigrating to a place they recognized as a safe haven for them to settle. I've grown up feeling safe to live in the United States my entire life. I don't feel that way anymore ... and I've never said that. I'm scared. I can't imagine how young immigrants in our state and our country are feeling now. I'm scared that the federal government is eroding our Constitution in their strategy of enforcing some of their policies. This bill, LD 2106, is a small step in the right direction. It will help to codify and clarify the rights of people in our state, to help people be and feel safer at public schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares and libraries by prohibiting ICE from entering these locations to conduct immigration enforcement unless they can produce a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. The bill also ensures that any information about a person's immigration status that is held by these entities is properly protected, unless federal law or a valid judicial warrant compels its sharing. I try to imagine the terror of being one of ICE's targets, trying to keep my mouth shut, the door closed at my home, school, or office when a masked person with full-on military gear and a gun is demanding answers and entrance. This bill may give harassed victims a little more strength to do just that, to keep the door closed. Please vote to support the bill. Thank you.