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LD 2106

There has been a longstanding and commonsense policy prohibiting ICE enforcement actions at places like schools and hospitals and ensuring that all people could access crucial public services and meet basic human needs without fear. Democrats and Republicans alike have recognized the importance of public policy that ensures all children, regardless of immigration status, can receive an education (as well as food and other stability provided at school), and that all people can seek medical care and share important public health information, and more.

It's clear that such policies do not pose any significant impediment to law enforcement, and the importance of ensuring access to these basic rights far outweighed immigration enforcement needs. And now ICE's new operation is creating a public health crisis that includes extreme fear and trauma, as well as actual family separation, detention in inhumane conditions, and deportation to life-threatening circumstances.

The need for LD 2106 is urgent at this time - it would protect the right and safety of vulnerable Maine residents, including children, workers at public schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries.