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LD 2106

As an educator, I believe all classrooms and schools should be places where children and their families feel secure in their children being there. Moreover, our immigrant and first generation Maine students should be able to focus on learning while at school, not worrying about if ICE will arrive while we are in class, outside at recess, or any other time while their caregivers are not with them. These worries and fears are reality for many of our students across the state.

As educators, we work hard to protect our students and having clarity and guidance for all school workers, administrators, and offices for how to handle ICE officers would benefit everyone. LD 2106 would prohibit ICE from entering these locations without a signed judicial warrant.

Additionally, this bill is also about protecting Maine's overall workforce and economy. When caregivers don't feel safe sending their kids to school, they can't go to work.

There is no reason for ICE to conduct immigration enforcement at schools, daycares, hospitals, and libraries, and no Maine parent should feel afraid to send their child to school or take them to the doctor when they are sick. To conduct immigration enforcement at places like this, ICE should be required to get approval from a judge and a valid judicial warrant. LD 2106 is common sense, protects Maine's children, and all of us across the state.