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Hello Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jen Tibbals, and I am a resident of Gorham, Maine. I was born and raised in Casco, and my family has lived in this state for several generations.

I am writing today in support of LD 2106, which would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant. These spaces are critical resources for thousands of individuals and families in our state. But many of our neighbors are too afraid to access these spaces at this time because of the recent indiscriminate, violent actions of ICE. By restricting ICE's access to these community places, we can ensure that everyone who lives in Maine can use these basic services without fear.

My heart has been breaking for weeks as I watch people I know and care about endure the chronic stress that ICE's actions have induced. My children's classmates are missing school because their families are afraid. This is unacceptable. Schools, healthcare providers, daycares, libraries, and other such places should be safe and welcoming for our community.

Healthcare providers, teachers, and caregivers currently feel unsafe going to work, and people are afraid to seek the medical care they need. These disruptions harm the public health and well-being of our entire community. LD 2106 would mitigate some of these impacts by prohibiting ICE from accessing sensitive locations that people rely on to meet their basic needs.

Please support LD 2106, and ensure that Maine's schools, libraries, healthcare centers, and daycares are a safe place for all who need them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.