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LD 2106

As an educator in Maine, I feel very strongly that all students should feel safe at school, so I am writing today to urge you to pass LD 2106 to prohibit ICE from entering public spaces without Proper Judicial Review. As we know, fear shuts down the brain, and learning cannot be done when students or staff are scared. No student should have to worry that their family might get taken away while they are at school. Any family separation will affect that student and cause harm/trauma that cannot be reversed. Some families may be choosing to keep their kids home in fear of what might happen, affecting attendance and the support that students can get while at school. Children do not control their immigration status or their parents' status, so these policies hurt kids who have zero control. Trauma shows up in schools and is very hard to combat. Additionally, staff members should also feel protected while at school. Every human deserves to be treated like a human. This is one step that we can take in the right direction to protect our children.