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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Deborah Smith and I am a resident and registered voter in Belfast, Maine.

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 places serve as critical resources for thousands of individuals and families in our state. But many of our neighbors are too afraid to access these spaces because of the recent indiscriminate, violent actions of ICE. By restricting ICE's access to these community places, we can ensure that everyone can use these basic services without fear.

We've seen online, in the media, and in our own lives that healthcare providers, teachers, and caregivers feel unsafe going to work, families are afraid to send their children to school, and people are afraid to seek 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.

The risks are real, and they apply not only to employees, volunteers, and users of these essential public space but also to everyone who is resident or even transient in the neighborhoods where the hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools are located. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that ICE is responsible for the murder of two totally innocent U.S. citizens in Minneapolis. **WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE THIS ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL BEHAVIOR REPEATED IN MAINE.**

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