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LD 2106

My name is Andrew Porter and I live in Waterville, 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.

It is shocking to me that we have arrived at this place, where the simplest provisions of the US Constitution are somehow up for debate or are being ignored by Federal agents. If the Federal government will not respect the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution, it is the absolute obligation of the State of Maine to enforce it. If we do not have the right to freedom from warrantless search and seizure, we are not free citizens of a republic.

“Come back with a signed judicial warrant for the arrest of the named individual you are seeking” should be the phrase that all hospital, library, daycare, and school personnel know by heart and say to anyone who purports to be a law enforcement officer.

The healthcare situation in Maine are already bad enough without the chaos caused by enforcement agents indiscriminately barging in. In addition, as a father, I believe all community members, no matter their color or religion, deserve to feel safe in schools, daycares, and libraries, especially children.

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.