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LD 2106

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I am contacting you today to urge you to support LD 2106.

For decades, both Republican and Democratic federal administrations have had policies in place that limit immigration enforcement at sensitive locations such as schools and hospitals. These policies were built on a commonsense understanding that the importance of people being able to access these locations without fear is a broad matter of public health and in the interest of everyone.

One of the first actions the current federal administration took in office was to end this longstanding policy, while pushing false narratives trying to link immigrants with criminality and public safety. Over the past year, as indiscriminate immigration enforcement has dramatically ramped up in Maine and beyond, Maine's noncitizen residents are living in deep fear and anxiety, afraid to take their children to school, seek healthcare, and more.

On September 12, 2025, just as the new school year was getting started, immigration officers arrested a parent who had just dropped off his child at an elementary school in Portland in the school's driveway. This arrest, which did not need to be conducted at an elementary school, sent shock waves across the community, state, and entire country, and made clear that immediate steps are needed to protect Maine's children, families, and provide support for workers at places like schools, daycare facilities, hospitals, and healthcare facilities, and libraries. The urgency and critical need for these protections is deepened by the current ICE operation in Maine, with reports of parents being arrested after dropping children at school, and other ICE activity near these sensitive locations.

LD 2106 will protect the public health of Maine and help ensure people feel safer at public schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries by prohibiting ICE from entering these locations to conduct immigration enforcement unless they can produce a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. The bill also ensures that any information about a person's immigration status that is held by these entities is properly protected, unless federal law or a valid judicial warrant compels its sharing. And importantly, the bill provides guidance and support to workers at these locations, ensuring they are not put in crisis situations and forced to make individual decisions. It serves Maine and strengthens all of our communities.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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