

RE: Support for LD 2106 – An Act to Protect the Rights of People in Maine by Prohibiting the Enforcement of Federal Laws or Actions Relating to Immigration Under Certain Circumstances

January 28, 2026

Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jamie Beck, and I am a resident of Bangor. I am writing to you today as a mother, a community member, and a staunch advocate for human rights to urge you to support LD 2106.

As a mother of children in our public school system, I see firsthand the vibrant, diverse fabric of our community. My children sit in classrooms, play on sports teams, and share meals with many friends who come from immigrant families. These children are not "categories of legal status" to my kids—they are friends, teammates, and neighbors. They deserve to feel safe in their homes and schools without the constant, looming shadow of local resources being used to separate their families.

My support for LD 2106 is rooted in two primary concerns: the protection of our constitutional values and the preservation of community trust.

1. Upholding Constitutional Protections and Human Rights - As an advocate for human rights, I believe that Maine must take a firm stand in protecting the civil liberties of everyone within our borders. Our state resources—funded by Maine taxpayers—should be used to promote the safety and well-being of Mainers, not to act as an arm of federal immigration enforcement. When local law enforcement is entangled in federal immigration actions, the risk of profiling and due process violations increases significantly. LD 2106 ensures that Maine remains a state that prioritizes the Fourth Amendment and the fundamental dignity of the individual.

2. Ensuring Public Safety Through Trust - For a community to be safe, all residents must feel comfortable interacting with local government and emergency services. If a parent is afraid to report a crime, testify as a witness, or seek help at a hospital because they fear local authorities will facilitate federal immigration enforcement, our entire community becomes less safe. We want our immigrant neighbors to know that their local police and state agencies are here to serve and protect them, not to target them.

By passing LD 2106, Maine joins a growing number of states that recognize the importance of separating state and local resources from federal immigration policy. It is a necessary step to ensure that our state remains a welcoming place where all families can thrive.

I want my children to grow up in a Maine that leads with compassion and stands firmly by the constitutional principles of justice and equality. For these reasons, I respectfully ask the

committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 2106.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

Jamie Beck, Bangor Resident

Jamie Beck
Bangor
LD 2106

Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Jamie Beck, and I am a resident of Bangor. I am writing to you today as a mother, a community member, and a staunch advocate for human rights to urge you to support LD 2106.

As a mother of children in our public school system, I see firsthand the vibrant, diverse fabric of our community. My children sit in classrooms, play on sports teams, and share meals with many friends who come from immigrant families. These children are not "categories of legal status" to my kids—they are friends, teammates, and neighbors. They deserve to feel safe in their homes and schools without the constant, looming shadow of local resources being used to separate their families. My support for LD 2106 is rooted in two primary concerns: the protection of our constitutional values and the preservation of community trust.

1. Upholding Constitutional Protections and Human Rights - As an advocate for human rights, I believe that Maine must take a firm stand in protecting the civil liberties of everyone within our borders. Our state resources—funded by Maine taxpayers—should be used to promote the safety and well-being of Mainers, not to act as an arm of federal immigration enforcement. When local law enforcement is entangled in federal immigration actions, the risk of profiling and due process violations increases significantly. LD 2106 ensures that Maine remains a state that prioritizes the Fourth Amendment and the fundamental dignity of the individual.

2. Ensuring Public Safety Through Trust - For a community to be safe, all residents must feel comfortable interacting with local government and emergency services. If a parent is afraid to report a crime, testify as a witness, or seek help at a hospital because they fear local authorities will facilitate federal immigration enforcement, our entire community becomes less safe. We want our immigrant neighbors to know that their local police and state agencies are here to serve and protect them, not to target them.

By passing LD 2106, Maine joins a growing number of states that recognize the importance of separating state and local resources from federal immigration policy. It is a necessary step to ensure that our state remains a welcoming place where all families can thrive.

I want my children to grow up in a Maine that leads with compassion and stands firmly by the constitutional principles of justice and equality. For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 2106.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

Jamie Beck, Bangor Resident