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LD 2106

Hello! I'm Jane Affleck of Portland, Maine. I'm writing in support of LD 2106, which ensures that ICE cannot enter Maine's schools, daycares, healthcare facilities, or libraries without a valid judicial warrant.

As an educator and parent, I'm witnessing the fear that ICE and the federal government are invoking upon students and families. Students are not coming to school, out of fear of being abducted. Immigrant students who are at school are not going outside, also out of fear. All students are distracted and impacted by this terror, which impacts the ability to learn and focus. Teachers are also limited in their abilities when their primary concern becomes the safety of their students. For schools to do their job, they must be safe spaces for children and families.