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To the Judiciary Committee:

We are witnessing unprecedented actions targeting residents of our state based on their race under the guise of "immigration control." The Department of Homeland Security has wrongly claimed that their agents can violate the Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution by breaking and entering homes or other private areas without a judicial warrant. This is illegal and unconstitutional, but our federal government does not seem concerned with legality or constitutionality. Thus, we need additional safeguards in place at the state level, because apparently states' rights are the only way to combat wrongdoing by the federal government. I support LD 2106 because it provides a cover for employees at public institutions (schools, health care facilities, child care facilities, and public libraries) by not only allowing them to refuse to consent to a warrantless search of their private records or nonpublic areas of their establishments, but by **REQUIRING** them to refuse to consent to such a search. This is a much stronger protection.

Thank you for standing up for our Fourth Amendment rights and, in so doing, standing up for the due process rights of all under the jurisdiction of the US Constitution.