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LD 2106

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I call upon all Maine lawmakers to support LD 2106, which is designed to protect the privacy and safety of residents by restricting federal immigration enforcement (ICE) access to sensitive, nonpublic locations and, by extension, the records held there.

Lawmakers should consider supporting LD 2106 for the following reasons:

The bill ensures that ICE cannot enter "sensitive locations"—specifically schools, daycares, healthcare facilities, and libraries—without a valid judicial warrant. This is essential to keep teachers and school staff safe and to provide clear legal guidance in an area where many school staff are not trained.

Allowing unrestricted enforcement in these areas causes fear and anxiety among both noncitizen residents and citizen teachers and caretakers. This disrupts essential services, like medical care and education, which keep our state strong.

The bill aims to protect sensitive personal information that might be held at these locations from being accessed without proper judicial review. This should not be a partisan question. Any information that is needed to pursue the suspect in a criminal investigation will be accessible with a warrant signed by a judge.

The legislation will offer guidance to teachers, healthcare workers, and other employees, ensuring they are not placed in crisis situations where they must make individual decisions about complying with federal agents. This is so important to prevent principals or teachers from carrying the burden of making life-or-death decisions about student data with no clear guidance about what they are legally required to do. It will also provide essential limits on federal power, acting as a check against broadened federal immigration enforcement in Maine, and re-establishing a requirement for judicial oversight.