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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and member of the Joint Standing Judiciary Committee:

I am submitting written testimony in support of LD 2016. As a retired educator, I am extremely concerned about the terror and trauma that many children in Maine, both immigrant and native-born, are facing today.

Children need to know that they can rely on adults to keep them safe in public schools, daycares, libraries, hospitals and health care facilities. Without a sense of safety, it is very difficult for children to learn and to know whom they can trust.

When one child is removed by federal agents from school or any of these locations, it destroys the sense of safety of ALL of their classmates! When one teacher or staff member is removed from school or any of these locations, it destroys the sense of safety of ALL students!

LD 2016 will provide those responsible for the safety, education, and health of Maine children with the legal ability to prohibit federal agents from entering public schools, daycares, libraries, hospitals, and healthcare facilities to conduct immigration enforcement unless they can provide a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. May this help Maine children feel safer at school and in places dedicated to their well being.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2016.