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LD 2106: To Protect Maine's Public Schools, Hospitals, Daycares, and Libraries from ICE

Thank you to the Judiciary Committee for allowing me to submit my testimony in favor of LD 2106. My name is Sofia SanMarco, I am a Yarmouth resident, and I urge you to support LD 2106 to preserve the safety and security of essential public spaces for all Maine residents.

When immigration enforcement agents enter public spaces without a warrant, it doesn't just endanger the people they are targeting, it endangers everyone. It is a violation of our freedoms and our respect, and it only works to create panic and chaos. These resources exist out of necessity, and to force someone to choose between a basic need and the possibility of never seeing their family again is unnecessarily cruel and a form of extreme violence. And when the workers in these facilities have no clear way to determine why or what is happening, they are forced to choose between their safety or the safety of an immigrant who, for all they know, has done nothing wrong. Without clarity and a written warrant, we are allowing our public spaces to be taken from us and turned into scenes of mayhem and horror.

The biggest concern to me is the precedent that immigration operations are trying to set. That is, that they decide who is a criminal and can act on that without impunity. It is foolish to think that this line of thought could not be applied to anyone, immigration status or not. I do not want to keep watching my freedom be eroded in front of me and I do not want that to keep happening to other members of my community. Please protect the people of Maine from this lawless and unethical treatment of our public spaces, and vote for LD 2106. Thank you.