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LD 2106

I am writing in strong support of LD 2106.

In recent weeks, I have observed the significant and harmful impact of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity on our local schools and communities. As the parent of young students at Rowe Elementary School in Portland, I am deeply concerned about the lasting trauma being experienced by my children's classmates—many of whom have already faced fear, displacement, and instability at a very young age.

Our most vulnerable community members must be able to access essential public institutions without fear. Schools should serve as places of safety and stability for children. Libraries, child care centers, and medical facilities must likewise remain safe and accessible so families can seek education, care, and support without risking harm or separation.

When families fear accessing public institutions, the resulting erosion of trust has serious legal and civic implications. Public confidence in institutions is foundational to the rule of law and to a functioning democracy. Policies that undermine that trust weaken community stability and long-term civic engagement.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Judiciary Committee to support and pass LD 2106 and to take timely action to protect Maine's most vulnerable community members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.