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My name is Emily Foran. I am writing in support of legislation that would prohibit Immigration and Customs Enforcement from entering private spaces or accessing records from healthcare centers, schools, and childcare institutions, without a judicial warrant.

I serve as President of AIGA Maine, a community arts nonprofit that brings people together across cultures, identities, and lived experiences. Our work depends on people feeling safe enough to participate, express themselves, and access public life. Safety is not peripheral to community. It is the foundation of it.

We have seen fear-based ICE tactics inflict real and lasting harm on Maine communities, destabilizing families and undermining civil and constitutional rights. When that fear reaches into places meant for care and learning, the consequences are profound. People avoid healthcare. Children stop showing up to school. Trust breaks down.

I am also writing as a parent. My daughter has watched classmates disappear from school. No child should carry that fear, and no family should have to choose between safety and accessing essential services.

Maine must remain a place where care, education, and civic participation are protected. I urge lawmakers to support this legislation and affirm that hospitals, schools, and childcare centers remain spaces of safety, dignity, and trust.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,
Emily Foran