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LD 2106

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support of LD 2106, a bill to keep Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) out of hospitals, daycares, school, and libraries. This longstanding and common sense policy that stood for decades before Trump's executive order last year, had ensured that all people could access crucial public services and meet basic needs without fear.

Since the Trump administration began it's mass deportation campaign, immigrant families in Maine have been afraid to leave their homes to go to work, send their children's to school, seek healthcare or social services, attend religious services and more. LD 2106 protects people accessing services at these sensitive locations as well as the people working there. While Maine does not have the authority to prohibit all immigration enforcement at places like schools, hospitals, and daycares - which are governed by federal law - the state can put in place measures to ensure we are not actively permitting enforcement at these places.

LD 2106 would provide important clarity and guidance to workers at these places that a decision has been made by Maine's state government that a valid judicial warrant is required to enter these locations and workers are not allowed to provide voluntary consent to all immigration officers.

LD 2206 is a necessary step to protecting the people of Maine from unlawful deportation and harassment.