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LD 2106

Good Afternoon, thank you for taking time to read my testimony regarding the passage of LD 2106.

Schools, Daycares, Libraries, and Hospitals are not only essential locations to any person, but also ones that harbor personal and private information. ICE wishes to force themselves not only into these locations, but also into the lives of our friends and neighbors. What they are doing and how they are going about it is unjust and unfair. These spaces should be a private and safe space for any individual. If we are to allow ICE to enter and gain access to private information, we will inherently dissuade people to seek medical attention, gain an education, and generally have a safe space.

The actions being taken in the United States today go beyond immigration, they are attacking human rights. We have an opportunity to aid humans in Maine by passing LD 2106 and it is imperative that we do so. No one should feel scared that they might get detained, kidnapped, or injured by seeking medical attention for chest pains, checking out a book, or going to school. Everyone deserves access to food, medical care, an education, and basic human rights. If LD 2106 does not pass, I feel as though we are not carrying out our duties as fellow humans. Additionally, our state—a home to all—will no longer feel like the Maine I have come to know.

What is going on in our country is devastating and horrible, but we have the opportunity to take a step in the right direction in our state and we must do so. No one deserves to feel like they do not belong or cannot belong in any, space, school or building; nor should they feel as though they are risking anything by doing so. LD 2106 is essential to protecting our rights as humans.