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The current administration gave us a playbook of just how this first year would go, and even so we are scrambling to course correct on reckless policy changes. It is imperative that we support LD 2106 to protect the spaces our community accesses for care and education, two basic and necessary rights no human being should be bullied into going without. The federal removal of longstanding policy to protect sensitive locations from immigrant enforcement activity was a first step on the long road we have traversed as a country over the last year; landing us in this critical, terrifying moment in which people are being abducted out of their homes and shot in the streets by a federal agency, and that is only to name two of the more shocking facts of this current moment. The list of atrocities is long, and you are well aware of them. Support for LD 2106 is a critical step to better protect the public health of our state. There is longstanding, bipartisan support for policies that limit immigration enforcement activity at schools and hospitals. This is because all of Maine's children deserve care, an education, and access to services; all of Maine's residents deserve healthcare; all of Maine's people deserve access to the incredible public good of the library; all of Maine's workers deserve to feel safe to show up to their job. Our teachers, our healthcare workers, our daycare workers, and our librarians do not deserve to live in fear of ICE disappearing people and threatening the environment where education, care, and services are supposed to take place. We must protect our community and by extension this state. None of us are safe from the wrath of this agency, that has been made clear. Implement here in Maine what was lost when the longstanding federal policy was ended by an administration that has terrorized this country with lawless and reckless abandon. Stand up for our people, stand up because it is the right thing to do - stand up because, I so hope, you understand it as the ONLY thing to do. Stand on the right side of history. Bend the arc back toward justice.