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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jill McCain, and I am a resident of Denmark.

I am writing today in support of LD 2106, which would require immigration enforcement officers to have a valid judicial warrant to conduct enforcement at schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries as well as protect people's information that might be held at these places.

As a former immigration attorney, I have witnessed the intense fear that immigrants contend with when deciding how to safely access medical care and education for their children, use public spaces, and commute to school and work. The decisions they are forced to make are heartbreaking to watch, and must be even more so to live. Do they risk being exposed to ICE by bringing a sick child to the hospital or try to manage illnesses at home to protect themselves? Do they allow their children to go to school when ICE is active in the community, or shelter at home to protect their family from the trauma and violence that often results from immigration arrest, detention and deportation? Do they drive to their job as a nurse, or call in sick because they know they might not make it home at the end of their shift?

All of Maine's children have a right to attend school, regardless of immigration status, and all of them deserve to do so without the immense daily fear of school being a site for immigration enforcement. All of Maine's residents deserve to access health facilities without having to weigh which is more important- their ability to remain in their community or their ability to access essential medical care. All Maine parents should be able to go to work without fear that sending their child to school will mean they might not return home that night.

I urge you to support these basic rights of our neighbors, our state's residents, by supporting LD2106.