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LD 2106

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee, I am testifying on behalf of LD 2106. LD 2106 is unfortunately a much needed piece of legislation for Maine given the events that we are all watching unfold nationally and locally. The campaign of the Federal Government to treat our community members as "others" is something that every Mainer should be fighting against.

In the past, Federal entities had at least a passing respect for human dignity and left schools, daycares, and hospitals alone. These areas are places that everyone should feel safe being in or having their family members in. These areas are now being targeted by federal agents, with no oversight, as that is the easiest path for them to increase their quota. It's not that they're going after the worst criminals, they're going after our frightened neighbors at our neighbors most vulnerable moments. It shouldn't be political to allow someone to seek medical care without fear of persecution. It shouldn't be political to allow someone to send their children to school or daycare without the fear that they'll be kidnapped.

LD 2106 is necessary for members of our community to exist without constant fear. The places that LD 2106 are restricting access to without a warrant are places that everyone can agree no government agent should have free access to.