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LD 2106

To the Judiciary Committee and all it may concern;

My name is Meghan Charest and I am a resident of Falmouth. I am writing in support of LD 2106 and urge the committee to take action to protect Maine residents through the measures it outlines. As an educator, I am a witness to the transformative power of safe schools and the opportunities they create. I also see the harm that our young people and families experience when they have to weigh the promise of education against the threat of abduction. The desks in my classroom that sit empty, day after day, offer proof that too many of our community members are being forced to forgo their right to education out of fear since increased Federal immigration operations were announced in Maine.

Schools, healthcare facilities, and libraries should provide care to all they serve, and their services must be safe and accessible to all. Recent actions by Federal Agents in our state and the fear they have created are harming our communities and must be addressed. Out of care for each of our neighbors, I strongly urge the support of this bill in its entirety.

Thank you for your action on this matter,  
Meghan Charest