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LD 2106

Good afternoon, My name is Siobhan Whalen and I am one of your constituents residing in North Berwick ME. I am contacting you today to urge you to today to support LD 2106. There is no reason for ICE to be conducting immigration enforcement at Maine schools, daycares, libraries, or hospitals. And no Maine parent, not a single one, should be afraid for their child to go to school or take them to the doctor when they are sick. I have worked with refugee and immigrant communities for over 13 years, here in ME and in WA state, most recently I was a director for a resettlement agency in Portland ME and I can tell you, without any hesitation that EVERY SINGLE ONE of my former clients, my colleagues and friends from refugee and immigrant communities are TERRIFIED to leave their homes, are terrified for their children to leave their homes - and as a mother myself I can understand perfectly why they would be so scared. Maine has always been a welcoming state, celebrating diversity and embracing all people, and I have been in utter disbelief that this kind of fear and pain has gripped our community. This is not the Maine I know, LD 2106 is the ME I know because it is common sense, it will protect ME's children, it will bring parents some comfort knowing their children will be protected as they learn and it will help the schools and other institutions in this bill to understand their rights for federal agents entry on their property. I thank you for your time and hope you will vote yes.