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LD 2106

I work in healthcare in Maine. I support LD 2106 because it protects people accessing essential services at sensitive locations (like schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries) as well as the workers who serve them. When families don't feel safe seeking care or sending their children to school or daycare, it harms public health, community trust, and Maine's workforce and economy.

LD 2106 provides critical clarity by ensuring immigration officers cannot enter non-public areas of these locations or obtain immigration information without a valid judicial warrant or legal requirement. This bill safeguards vulnerable residents, supports education and public health, and helps keep these spaces safe and accessible for all Maine communities.

The urgency and critical need for these protections is deepened by the current ICE operation in Maine, with reports of parents being arrested after dropping children at school, and other ICE activity near these sensitive locations.

There is no reason for ICE to conduct immigration enforcement at schools, daycares, hospitals, and libraries, and no Maine parent should feel afraid to send their child to school or take them to the doctor when they are sick. To conduct immigration enforcement at places like this, ICE should be required to get approval from a judge and a valid judicial warrant. LD 2106 is common sense, protects Maine's children, and all of us across the state. Thank you for your consideration.