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LD 2106

A letter to the judiciary committee.

I am writing to express my full and unwavering support for LD 2106, the bill to keep ICE out of schools, daycares, libraries, and hospitals. I was shocked to hear this wasn't common practice, as I'm sure many of my fellow friends and community members were as well. I feel wholeheartedly that this bill should be passed to protect these sanctuaries and to aid in making this beautiful state feel as safe as it did before. President Donald Trump is trying to take away these protections, which will only cause more division and unrest in Maine and across the United States. Under the Constitution, if law enforcement is entering a non-public space, they must provide a valid warrant or receive verbal consent. The bill will strengthen this constitutional right of the people of Maine.

ICE has been kidnapping citizens and community members who are on legal status and furthermore, doing so without warrants. Juan Sebastian Carvajal-Munoz, Marcos Da Silva, Francoise Makuiza, Micheline Ntumba, and Jean-Pierre Obiang are names that come up for me, the last being the name of an 18 year-old student at University of Southern Maine. All of these community members were detained by ICE in Maine despite being here legally and with no criminal record.

LD 2106 is a necessary step towards slowing ICE's lawless behavior activity in Maine and keep these sanctuaries safe for all citizens of the state of Maine.