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I am a healthcare provider in Portland, Maine. For the past couple of weeks, many of my colleagues have had to cover for coworkers who are too afraid to leave their house, due to the presence of ICE. They are terrified about the possibility of getting caught up in an immigration raid, despite being in the USA legally, despite having a work permit. As a result, they are losing wages and are worried about how they will meet their financial obligations, in addition to buying groceries. Our hospital is struggling to meet the demands of running a facility, that depends on it being fully staffed to properly care for our patients.

Public safety is built on trust, not fear. I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD2106, to ensure Maine remains a welcoming home for all that fosters a sense of belonging and purpose. To ensure due process that requires a valid judicial warrant for enforcement in sensitive community spaces. One that preserves our institutional missions that ensures hospitals are dedicated to healing, libraries and schools are dedicated to learning.