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LD 2106

My name is Tina Marie Hilton, and I am a Mainer writing in strong support of LD 2106.

Every person in our state, regardless of immigration status, should be able to go about the most basic parts of daily life without fear or intimidation. Schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries are not places of law enforcement theater. They are places of learning, care, and community. LD 2106 helps ensure they remain that way.

This bill affirms a simple and deeply Maine value: people should be able to send their children to school, seek medical treatment, or visit a library, without fearing harassment, detention, or worse by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Border Patrol, or other federal agencies acting without a valid judicial warrant.

When people are afraid to access healthcare, illnesses go untreated. When families fear schools and daycares, children suffer educational and emotional harm. When libraries become spaces of surveillance rather than safety, community trust erodes. These outcomes hurt not just immigrants, but the health, stability, and well-being of Maine as a whole.

LD 2106 also provides critical protections for privacy by preventing ICE from accessing private records when entering nonpublic areas of these facilities. This safeguard is essential. Personal records related to education, healthcare, and childcare should not be subject to fishing expeditions or intimidation tactics. Privacy is not a privilege; it is a right.

This legislation does not prevent lawful enforcement. It simply requires that enforcement actions respect constitutional principles and judicial oversight, especially in spaces meant to serve the public good. Judicial warrants exist for a reason. They protect against abuse and ensure accountability.

Maine has a long tradition of valuing fairness, personal dignity, and community care. LD 2106 reflects those values. I urge the committee to support this bill and affirm that Maine is a place where people can learn, heal, and care for their families without fear. Thank you for your time and consideration.