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LD 2106

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 2106, legislation that would protect Maine's schools, libraries, childcare centers, and healthcare facilities by requiring a valid judicial warrant before Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) may enter these spaces.

Schools, libraries, and community institutions must remain safe, trusted environments where children, families, and community members can access services without fear. As an educator in South Portland, these past two weeks have been focused on providing safe spaces for our families, including walking students home from bus stops, and having many conversations with students, answering their fearful questions about what would happen if ICE should come to school. Students should be focused on learning, building social skills, and preparing for their futures; not worrying about being separated from their families. LD 2106 affirms the importance of due process and constitutional protections while ensuring that essential community spaces remain focused on their core missions.

I support this legislation, as it protects children, families, and the integrity of Maine's public institutions while upholding legal standards and community safety. Maine has always valued compassion, fairness, and respect for human dignity, and LD 2106 reflects those values.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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