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LD 2106

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dr. Jenna Wozer, and I am a physician in fellowship practicing in Maine. I am writing in strong support of LD 2106, with the sincere hope of limiting voluntary assistance with immigration enforcement in sensitive public spaces, including schools and health care facilities.

As a physician training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, I work daily with young people who are still struggling to return to school following the COVID-19 shutdowns. Many of these patients are now experiencing compounded anxiety due to the very real fear that federal immigration agents could enter their school and detain them, their family members, or their friends. This fear undermines the students' sense of safety, interferes with learning, and exacerbates existing mental health challenges.

I am, understandably, seeing similar fear-driven behavior in health care settings. Patients and families are delaying or avoiding seeking acute medical and psychiatric care because they are afraid that interacting with hospitals or clinics could expose them to immigration enforcement. This fear is seen even amongst US citizens who fear being targeted based on the color of their skin. These delays put patients at serious risk and have broader public health consequences.

It is imperative that schools and health care facilities function as safe zones; places where children can learn and patients can receive care without fear. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote in support of LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important concern.