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LD 2106

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Maine State Bill LD 2106. While I am disappointed that I cannot join in person due to work obligations, I am grateful for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

I am a graduate worker at the University of Maine, a Ph.D. student in the clinical psychology program, and the first president of the University of Maine Graduate Workers Union-UAW. I offer this testimony based on my professional experience and personal observations, and not on behalf of my union or institution.

I moved to Maine from Minneapolis, where I worked in Minnesota's largest state hospital alongside colleagues from around the world. I now provide clinical services in primary care settings and schools here in Maine.

I am seeing firsthand the fear and harm caused by ICE actions, both through my community in Minneapolis and increasingly here in Maine. The recent abduction of University of Southern Maine student Jean-Pierre Obiang has shaken our community and should concern every person in this state.

No one should live in fear of leaving their home, attending school, going to work, or seeking healthcare. Policies that allow this level of fear and instability undermine public trust, community health, and safety. LD 2106 is a necessary step for Maine to protect its residents and affirm our shared values.

I urge you to pass LD 2106. Thank you.