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LD 2106

My testimony is in support of LD 2106. My nephew has told me horror stories of going to school and seeing violent armed men knock on every car window with Black people inside. These men are from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Their threatening presence is forcing the systematic exclusion of Black and Brown children from their right to an education as many families are rightfully scared that their Black and Brown children will face violent encounters and kidnapping by ICE. ICE currently has over 3,600 children detained sleeping on cold floors, caged in warehouses. These children are trafficked by ICE across the country. There are even detention centers where infants and toddlers are subject to this torture. Our childcare workers deserve to have a safe environment to care for children without the threat of a violent organization known to kill, harm, maim and kidnap children and their parents. This is not up for debate. We, the people of Maine, refuse to accept this violence in our communities. We have a right to protect and defend ourselves and our children. Abolish ICE. Pass LD 2106 and get ICE out of our communities now.