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LD 2106

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee and to submit testimony. I am writing in support of LD 2106. This is an earnest request to support and protect Mainers. Current actions of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Maine and in many parts of our nation are not simply about carrying forth an immigration policy, as stated, but rather seem to be a show of force and in many cases the abandonment of existing rules of law. Since the current administration began its deportation campaign, many in Maine and across the country have been afraid to leave their homes, go to work, send their kids to school or seek healthcare. This is not due to legal wrongdoings on their part, but rather a fear of our government's reckless behavior and the reality of many US citizens being unlawfully detained. It saddens to me that we need additional legislative action to try and address what ought to be common sense and adherence to existing laws and practices, however in times such as these we must take action to protect those who are most at risk. LD 2106 will help to protect the rights and safety of Maine residents by ensuring information is protected and legal processes are followed. Please stand with what is honorable, and sensible and support LD 2106, remembering that we are a country built on stated values of freedom and bravery.

Respectfully and with gratitude for your public service,
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