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My name is Julia McDonald-Plumb. I am writing today in support of LD 2106.

As an educator, a parent, and a person of faith, I was distressed by the Trump administration's decision last year to end the longstanding policy that prohibited ICE enforcement at schools and houses of worship. I believe we need to act as a state to ensure the safety of our schools for all students by limiting access to private areas and records within school and daycare buildings to those who hold a proper judicial warrant.

ICE doesn't belong in the classroom. Schools should be a place of safety for the children who learn there and the staff who work there. Students should not see their peers, teachers, or staff members taken into custody and should not be afraid of being taken into custody themselves while in the building. Nor should they be concerned that the information schools or teachers have about their family is going to lead to an arrest of a parent. Parents should feel secure in leaving their children at school while they work. While we as a state do not have the authority to bar immigration enforcement from schools and daycares, we can protect our children and spaces of learning by prohibiting the voluntary consent to a search of non-public spaces or sharing of immigration information.

Therefore, I'm asking that you please pass LD 2106 to protect Maine schools and children.

Thank you.