

Good afternoon, Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Maria Guzman, and I live in Bath, Maine.

I am writing in support of LD 2106 because fear has begun to shape my everyday life. This bill would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant—places that should be safe for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Since ICE increased its presence in Maine, I have stopped speaking Spanish with my husband and son in public. I no longer feel safe walking freely in my own community. I avoid picking up and dropping off my child at school. I think twice before going to the doctor or running simple errands. I am an American citizen with no criminal record—not even a speeding ticket—yet I am afraid.

If this is how I feel, I can only imagine the constant fear our immigrant neighbors live with every day. No one should be terrified to take their child to school, to seek medical care, or to sit in a library. We cannot accept a society where people are publicly targeted and humiliated, and where that cruelty becomes something we are expected to ignore.

We are already seeing the consequences. Healthcare workers, teachers, and caregivers are afraid to go to work. Families are keeping their children home. People are delaying or avoiding medical care they desperately need. This fear does not stay contained—it harms public health, weakens our communities, and erodes our shared sense of humanity.

LD 2106 is a necessary step to protect our neighbors and preserve trust in the institutions we all rely on. It would help ensure that schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, and daycares remain places of safety, not fear.

I urge you to support LD 2106 and stand up for the dignity and well-being of everyone who calls Maine home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

