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I write my testimony as a health care provider and father. That we have to consider this bill as a safeguard to safety and liberty in our country speaks to the disgusting and unconscionable depths of lawlessness and depravity to which the current federal government has sunk. Allowing the state to snatch the young and the sick from places of education or treatment is nothing other than submitting to authoritarian rule and debasing people of not only their basic human rights, but also of those already determined by our very own judicial system. I am certain much has already been made of Plyler v. Doe; should Maine fail to pass this bill would that not place our state in direct opposition with well established supreme court precedent? And in regard to health care facilities, treatment is required for all patients regardless of citizenship status under EMTALA. Again, allowing the vulnerable to be taken from the places they consider most safe is nothing less than cruel, and those in opposition of this bill will be viewed with repulsion by their children and their children's children, as well as the rest of the world. By passing this bill we would simply be cementing that the people of Maine are, and intend to remain, on the right side of history, and will not stand by while human and civil liberties are trampled.