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Testimony of Louisa Beckett in Support of LD-2106

As a retired teacher, I understand the importance of truly safe spaces for our communities. A place cannot be considered safe if it can be entered by law enforcement without a valid judicial warrant.

The health of our communities—both mental and physical—is at risk when people live with fear and uncertainty. All Maine schoolchildren deserve to know they are safe at school. Families must feel confident that daycare centers are safe. Patients and staff must feel secure in hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Libraries and other public spaces must remain places of safety and trust.

For these reasons, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should be prohibited from entering schools, daycare centers, hospitals, healthcare facilities, libraries, and other sensitive public places unless they possess a valid judicial warrant.

My hope is that LD-2106 will help ensure these protections and hold agencies accountable for their actions, so our communities can truly feel safe.