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Testimony in support of LD 2106

I have been fortunate to grow up in Maine, to attend all my schooling in Maine, and crucially, to have done so without fear. I have been lucky to be able to have had a “normal” childhood, to be able to go to class, to walk down the street, do anything I wanted, without the fear of being abducted. Or for my family to be taken and disappeared for no reason while I was apart from them in class.

I was awarded this privilege simply because my ancestors immigrated here long enough ago that many people have forgotten that we are immigrants. This country is built (on stolen land) by immigrants, for immigrants.

Regardless of where a person comes from, they do not deserve to live in fear. No one deserves to be taken off the street and locked in a detention center and deported to some random country they have no connection to. They most certainly do not need to fear this when they are seeking education, healthcare, and childcare. Children do not need or deserve to experience this fear.

Supporting LD 2106 is common sense. All people, all parents, all kids deserve to feel safe.

There is no world in which ICE is doing anything that benefits anyone. I do not want them here, I do not want them this country, nor any other. I do not want federal agents disappearing any person for simply existing, certainly not in a school or a hospital or a library. I do not know a single person who does.

I am a young white man born in America, and even I am afraid of this administration’s immigration enforcement. They are not “immigration enforcement,” they are masked gunmen causing terror to the public. They are secret police disappearing people at their own discretion. ICE is ruining this country. It is not the only thing ruining this country, but its contribution is significant.

LD 2106 provides a glimmer of hope by allowing children, parents, people to experience a little less fear, to worry about one less thing. It enforces constitutional rights and protections afforded to all individuals. It reinstates long standing policies that provided people with a measure of safety and peace.

I know this testimony is a bit rambling, but I hope that it helps at least a little bit to make it clear that supporting LD 2106 is the right choice. Thank you to whoever takes the time to read this.

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