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LD 2106

Hello,

As a childcare worker and community member horrified by the actions of ICE in our state, I urge you to pass LD 2106. My workplace held a meeting last week where a former law enforcement official spoke to us about what to do if ICE came to our building, and they emphasized that ICE is using tactics never before seen by this person in their decade-plus career in law enforcement. Particularly, they spoke about the difference between a judicial and administrative warrant and how ICE is routinely using administrative warrants to gain access to spaces that they actually have no legal authority to get into.

LD 2106 would provide important clarity and guidance to workers at sites like mine (as well as hospitals, schools, and more), that a decision has been made by Maine's state government that immigration officers are prohibited from entering these locations without a valid judicial warrant, and workers at these places are not allowed to provide voluntary consent to all immigration officers to enter.

Additionally, LD 2106 provides guidance that these places are prohibited from voluntarily providing immigration information they may have about Maine residents to immigration officers, unless presented with a valid judicial warrant or otherwise required by law.

Most importantly, LD 2106 protects the rights and safety of vulnerable Maine residents, including children, workers at public schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries, and serves key public policy interests, including making sure all Maine children receive an education and public health information is freely shared.

Please pass this important legislation to add what we can only hope is a new layer of safety in a horrifyingly unsafe time. Thank you.