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Since then, we've seen the real-world consequences. Parents are afraid to send their kids to school. Families hesitate to go to the doctor or seek help when they need it most. This ongoing fear doesn't just hurt those directly targeted, it ripples out through classrooms, workplaces, and neighborhoods. When parents keep their children home out of fear, they can't go to work. When neighbors withdraw from community life, all of Maine loses part of its strength and vibrancy.

Last fall's arrest of a parent outside a Portland elementary school was a heartbreakingly reminder of what's at stake. And now, with recent immigration operations across Maine, the need for LD 2106 is urgent. This bill makes clear that immigration enforcement officers must present a valid judicial warrant to enter non-public areas at schools, hospitals, daycares, and similar locations, and that staff cannot give voluntary consent or provide personal information unless required by law.

LD 2106 offers clarity, safety, and peace of mind for the families who call Maine home, and for the teachers, nurses, and caregivers who serve them. It represents the simple idea that every child deserves access to education and every person deserves access to healthcare, without fear of who might be watching. I love this state, and I believe Maine is at its best when we look out for one another. I respectfully urge you to support LD 2106 and help keep our communities safe, strong, and compassionate. Thank you for your time and for the work you do on behalf of all Mainers.

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