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LD 2106

Hello members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly, passionately, desperately, emphatically urge you to sign LD 2106 into law.

We are facing a dire abandonment of our constitutional rights that guarantee every person in the United States due process, regardless of their citizenship status.

Hundreds of Mainers have been abducted from outside their places of work or on the street, grabbed out of their cars on their way to work-- CNA's, engineers, corrections officers, mothers, etc. People with no criminal convictions have been kidnapped by masked thugs mandated to carry out illegal acts by a convicted felon, the current president of the United States.

I personally fear for my immigrant community members, and as a person of color, can be a victim of the racial profiling that is occurring. Note that white-looking immigrants are not being targeted.

Every person of color in Maine feels at least some trepidation, while immigrants of color are living in terror. This is absolutely unacceptable, especially after all that many of them have been through, coming from countries where they were persecuted and experienced war and other horrors, seeking safety here in the US. Sign LD 2106 today.

These practices by ICE and the CBP, while illegal and unconstitutional, can be hemmed in by increasing our protective laws and resolutions. We must protect the right of all Mainers to feel safe in their places of work, school, worship and home by enacting LD 2106 immediately. We need every protection we can muster and we need them now.

Thank you.