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LD 2106

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,

My name is Mathew Davis, and I am a resident of Bangor, Maine. I am a high school student at Bangor High School and a young person who is deeply concerned about the future of our state and our country. I am writing to testify Ought to Pass on LD 2106.

I believe Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should be held to clear rules and standards, including requirements to seek alternatives before using force. ICE officers should not use firearms unless an individual poses an immediate and direct threat, such as actively holding a weapon. De-escalation should always be attempted before the use of lethal or non-lethal force.

Additionally, ICE should not be targeting protesters or civilians who are not the subject of an investigation. Enforcement actions should be limited strictly to the individual named, and even then, strong safeguards must be in place to protect the public.

Establishing regulations on how ICE operates is an important first step toward accountability. One meaningful way to do this would be to require a judicial warrant for actions taken on both public and private property. This would help protect civil liberties and ensure enforcement actions respect due process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,
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