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LD 2106

My name is Meghan Hurley and I'm a concerned resident of Maine. I am testifying in strong support of LD2106.

Regardless of immigration status, our communities are stronger when our basic human needs are met, and when our neighbors are not living in fear of taking their child to school or to the doctor. That's why, for decades, Democratic and Republican administrations have upheld a commonsense federal policy prohibiting ICE enforcement at places like schools and hospitals. This benefits all of us.

One of the Trump administration's first actions in office was to eliminate this longstanding federal policy, weighing immigration enforcement above access to healthcare, childcare, and education – and feelings of safety in Maine communities. The Trump administration has instead cultivated an atmosphere of extreme fear and trauma, detention in inhumane conditions, family separation, and deportation of those who were simply seeking a better life, as we all would for our families.

It is essential Maine does not actively permit ICE enforcement at places like schools, hospitals, and daycares for our neighbors and for the overall health and safety of our communities. Please pass LD2106 to protect Maine's kids, parents, teachers, healthcare workers and all of us by denying ICE access to schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries without a valid judicial warrant.