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Maine often feels like a little island, in the country's most northern and eastern neck of the woods, we're only boarded by one other state. Our island is safe, it's full of people who love the outdoors, the serene coastline, and our vibrant local businesses. Our communities thrive because our people care.

In the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's most recent surge of activity, there has been documented evidence of blatant disregard to law, safety procedures, and overall quality of life. ICE's increased presence and excessive use of force creates an environment fueled by fear and anxiety. Many immigrants and citizens of color are afraid to leave their homes in fear of being detained and separated from their families and friends.

The feeling of safety on our island is diminishing. As we watch our neighbors and community members be taken without due process, the increased urgency to 'do something' is stronger than ever.

LD 2106 offers guidance and legal peace of mind to a multitude of public spaces such as hospitals, public schools, and libraries. These places are essential to the intellectual advancement, health, and wellbeing of Maine residents and New Mainers alike. LD 2106 requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement to obtain and present a judicial warrant (signed by a judge) for any individual they intend to arrest within these public spaces. It's essential that these spaces maintain a sense of security for all those that use their services. Students should not go to school in fear of not seeing their parents again. Patients should not be afraid of being detained at a doctor's appointment. Lifelong learners shouldn't have to worry about being arrested while checking out a book.

LD 2106 supports the safety of Maine people. As a Mainer who cares, it's a policy I support.