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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

I believe fiercely in the importance of our public and community-serving institutions like schools, libraries, and hospitals. Public schools can be places of incredible transformation, libraries can build vital community connection and knowledge-sharing, and hospitals are staffed by healthcare workers who work tirelessly everyday to protect and heal those who are sick and injured.

I believe in the right of all young people to go to school without fearing for their safety. I believe in the right of all people to go to a free public library without worrying about being kidnapped by the government. I believe everyone should be able to seek medical care without fear of detention and family separation.

In the past couple weeks, we've seen the terror ICE inflicts on our communities right here at home, in addition to seeing examples of their illegal murders of nonviolent civilians in Minneapolis.

We must keep ICE out of our public spaces for the wellbeing of everybody—youth and adults alike. Many Maine families are scared of sending their kids to school or daycare, going to the hospital, or going to the library. We live in such a time of fear, and LD 2016 would help to ease that fear for families across the state.

I urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 2016 to protect Maine’s noncitizen residents from needless fear and trauma.

Respectfully submitted,

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