

Testimony in **Support of LD2106**

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My name is Sydney Cotter and I am a resident of Portland, Maine.

I am writing today in **support of LD 2106**, which would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant signed by a judge.

This bill would reinstate long-standing federal policies that made sure all children, regardless of immigration status, can receive an education (as well as food and other stability provided at school), that all people can seek medical care and share important public health information, and more. This type of policy does not pose any significant impediment to law enforcement, and the important public health reasons of ensuring all people could access these places far outweigh immigration enforcement needs.

My immigrant neighbors are all in the U.S. legally and have never committed any crimes. They are hardworking, kindhearted, and make fast friends. Over the years, we've shared laughter in good times and tears in bad times. I taught them how to order a "grande" latte at Starbucks, and they taught me what true bravery looks like. Right now they are trapped in their homes without access to life-saving medical care or schools for them and their children.

Healthcare providers, teachers, and caregivers feel unsafe at work. Families are afraid to send their children to school, and people are afraid to seek medical care they need. These disruptions harm the public health and well-being of our entire community. LD 2106 would mitigate some of these impacts by prohibiting ICE from accessing sensitive locations that people rely on to meet their basic needs.

Please support LD 2106 to ensure that Maine's schools, libraries, healthcare centers, and daycares are protected places for all those who need them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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