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**Dr. Elizabeth Anne Eames'
Testimony re: LD2106
Delivered Jan 29 2026
via zoom to
Maine Judiciary Committee**

Thank you. My name is
Elizabeth Eames urging you to vote Emergency Bill LD2106 ought to pass.

I do so from the
vantage point of
four years' experience as the Ward 3 Representative to
the Lewiston School Committee. Note that Ward 3 is a downtown district.

Para.14 #1
forbids
public school employees from giving **voluntary**
consent for
immigration enforcement personnel without the requisite paperwork to enter
non-public areas of their institution or access school records.

Having this rule formally
on the books will **protect**
student learning environments state-wide,
which I contend will be **especially**
important for divided communities such as my own.

Lewiston is the second
largest school district with the fastest growing student population in the
state. Approximately half of our students are black or brown, which means
most if not all likely fear for their own or their friends' security.

I am relieved that
our LPS school motto affirms **ALL OF OUR KIDS ARE ALL OUR KIDS**,
succinctly reflecting the **landmark 1982 Supreme Court ruling in *Plyler v. Doe*,**
the case where public schools cannot deny students a free education based on
immigration status.

Unfortunately, despite
the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, some

have vociferously and publicly proclaimed their dissatisfaction with the inclusive practices reflected in our school motto.

Hence, I submit that

it is not impossible

that a staffer might share the view that only a subset of our children are worthy, and might blithely

— or even gleefully —

place our valuable charges in unnecessary peril.

I urge you to vote

ought to pass for LD2106 on an emergency basis in order to ensure this protection is well publicized and can become enforced not only state-wide, but also ASAP.

Thank you for your
attention.

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