

Testimony in Support of LD 2106

Greetings, my name is Taylor Treece. I am a Mainer, a Registered Nurse, and I am here to testify in support of LD 2106.

At its core, this bill is about who we choose to be as a state.

For decades—under administrations of both parties—our country recognized that immigration enforcement does not belong in places where people go to heal, learn, and care for their children. Hospitals, schools, and daycares were treated as sensitive locations because society understood a basic moral truth: no one should have to choose between their safety and their health, or between their child's education and their family's survival.

That understanding has been abandoned, and the harm is already visible. Patients delay care until pain becomes unbearable. Parents hesitate to bring in sick children. Chronic illnesses go untreated, not because people are irresponsible, but because they are afraid. Fear does not make communities safer—it makes suffering invisible until it becomes an emergency.

When we allow enforcement activity to reach into hospitals and schools, we break trust. And once trust is broken, the damage spreads. People stop showing up. Children stop attending school. Families retreat into the shadows. The consequences are not abstract—they are measured in worsening illness, educational loss, and preventable human suffering.

Schools should be places where children feel safe enough to learn. Hospitals should be places where patients feel safe enough to seek care. When those spaces are compromised, we fail in our most basic duty to protect the vulnerable.

LD 2106 does not prevent immigration enforcement nor does it interfere with federal law. It simply draws a clear moral line: that non-public areas of sensitive locations should not be entered without a judicial warrant, and that staff should not be compelled to participate in enforcement unless the law requires it. This preserves both the rule of law and the dignity of the people we serve.

This bill affirms that Maine will not govern through fear. It affirms that we believe in care, education, and human dignity. It affirms that our institutions exist to serve the public—not to drive people away at their moment of greatest need.

Supporting LD 2106 is a statement of our values. It says that in Maine, hospitals heal, schools teach, and children and families are not collateral damage.

I urge the committee to support LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration.