

January 29, 2026 Testimony in support of LD 2106

Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Moberg and I live in South Portland. I'm here to testify in support of LD 2106.

I noticed this bill is designated "emergency" and as a resident of a quiet neighborhood where ICE has been active, I understand that characterization. This session is urgent, but the impact of passing LD 2106 will also be far reaching.

Unchecked immigration enforcement is having wide ripple effects. I want to let you know about what I'm hearing from neighbors and friends about just one of them: absenteeism in the health care sector, in settings that this bill addresses.

A neighbor who is a nurse tells me the hospital where she works, now has only one third of its housekeeping staff reporting to work. That makes her job harder than it already is. Another nurse, who volunteers for a medical training program with all new Mainers' enrollment, had classes cancelled last week because fear kept students from attending. People of color are afraid to come to their workplaces and schools. The ability of immigration enforcement to sow fear and intimidation with impunity is the reason. Preserving the rule of law is up to us now. ICE's aggressive over reach must be met with regulation and accountability.

Hospitals and schools are invaluable training grounds for the essential health care workers who are sorely needed in our state.

Maine's immigrant workers and students are the bedrock of a sustainable and outstanding health care system here in Maine. To get back to work and school they need to feel safe and know they are supported, not only by their neighbors, but also by the law. I urge you to pass LD 2106 to address our urgent need- for safety and the rule of law- and for the future- of our precious immigrant community, our health care system and quality of life for everyone in Maine.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work in the legislature.

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