

My name is Lynne Calero. I am a long time resident of Saco. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

These are not normal times. I am 74 years old and have lived in several parts of this country. Never before have I seen a president create his own "secret police". ICE wears masks, often uses unmarked cars and are heavily armed. All of this is designed to instill fear....it's working.

Trump has no respect for policies or laws in many cases. Nevertheless we need to pass LD 2106. It would give staff at schools, hospitals and other sensitive places the legal right to deny ICE access unless they have a judicial warrant, signed by a judge. In addition, it clearly prohibits any worker at these places to provide voluntary consent to all immigration enforcement personnel to enter.

As a retired DHHS Children's Services/Child Protective caseworker of over 10 years I have seen a lot of trauma and the damage it does to adults and children. This includes vicarious trauma.

In my semi-retirement I am a substitute teacher in Saco elementary schools. This is my eighth year. We have a lot of newcomer students. I can't imagine the nightmare if ICE were to appear anywhere on the property. The trauma to the student or adult being targeted, as well as some of the 700+ students and staff, would be horrific.

I don't know if LD 2106 combined with the 10th Amendment could also protect asylum seekers appearing for their legally mandated hearings from being taken into custody. They are following the law and it's being used against them. There is no evidence that these people are "the worst of the worst".

Please pass LD 2106 ASAP!