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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Bella Sturtevant and I am a resident of Leeds. I am speaking today in support of LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review. This bill would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant. These places are essential resources for thousands of individuals and families in our state. Our neighbors should not be afraid to access these spaces because of the recent violent actions of immigration enforcement agents. By restricting ICE's access to these community places, we can ensure that everyone can use these basic services without fear.

As a student at Thomas College, I am being informed by my professors that if ICE comes to our school, we do not legally have to let them into academic buildings without a warrant. ICE should not be entering buildings without a warrant, but they are. As a political science major, I believe that it is wrong for agents of the government to be bypassing judicial processes to detain my friends and peers.

Everyone in the community—teachers, healthcare workers, caregivers, and families—deserves to feel safe at work, school, and receiving medical care. Fear of immigration enforcement at these places disrupts community well-being and deters people, especially those experiencing homelessness, from accessing essential services like hospitals and warming shelters (often offered by libraries). LD 2106 aims to address this by restricting ICE from operating in such places, helping ensure safety and access to life-saving care for vulnerable individuals.

I urge you to please support LD 2106, and ensure that our communities' schools, daycares, libraries, and healthcare centers are a safe place for *all* who need them.