

My name is Julia Rae, and I'm here to testify on behalf of passing LD2106. Maine claims to be "the way life should be"; that was before our state began running in fear due to ice agents coming into places we should feel safe in.

By allowing ice into our schools, we are placing children in jeopardy and subjecting them to lifelong trauma resulting in possible mental illnesses. Having a school lock inside due to ice presence puts fear in an adult, let alone a child. Between the staffing issues and absences, the talk of having children locked up at home and receiving online schooling because teachers and students are afraid to leave home is not a solution. Students are told they can feel safe at school, but how can they be when ice has been detaining parents right outside in the parking lots?

By allowing ice into our hospitals, we are violating one's right to obtain confidential healthcare, and when ice accesses records, they are violating HIPPA. There is a mass population of healthcare workers who are immigrants who have their citizenship that are afraid to work due to the actions made by ice.

Childcare in the U.S. is a multibillion-dollar industry with 1 in 5 employees being immigrants. With employees calling out, children aren't being cared for properly, and parents are unable to have reliable childcare.

Allowing ice into our libraries takes away our privacy of our documents and search history.

These are all places where safety is expected. With an agent forcing their way into places we have been told are safe, I do not feel safe anywhere they are due to their actions so far. They are acting off speculative evidence which in turn has them detaining human beings without due process which every human has the right to. It's what we as immigrants coming to this country had fought for.

By passing this bill it forces ice to slow down and obtain evidence, place that evidence before a judge and have it signed off before acting. It Forces ice to follow due process.