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LD 2106

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Michael Beck and a father with children in the Bangor public school system. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106.

This bill, at its core, is about two things: the safety of our children and the preservation of the rule of law.

We are a nation built on checks and balances. When the executive branch seeks to enter a non-public space—be it a home or a school—the judiciary serves as a vital gatekeeper. Requiring a judicial warrant for immigration enforcement in sensitive locations is not an "anti-enforcement" stance; it is a "pro-Constitution" stance. It ensures that a neutral judge has reviewed the facts before our state-funded institutions are bypassed.

We live in an era where school safety is a constant, pressing concern for every parent. We teach our children that schools are secure environments. Allowing individuals to enter non-public areas based on "voluntary consent" or administrative paperwork creates a dangerous security loophole.

In a world where tactical gear is easily purchased online, we cannot have a system where anyone can say the magic word "ICE" or claim other federal authority simply to gain access to our kids. Without the clear, uniform policy provided by LD 2106, we are leaving school administrators in the impossible position of making snap legal judgments that could jeopardize the physical safety of the entire student body.

There are established mechanisms for immigration enforcement that do not involve armed agents in elementary school hallways. We have seen the trauma that high-profile enforcement actions cause in communities. Our schools should be places of learning, not sites of tactical operations.

This is not a partisan issue; it is a common-sense measure to protect Maine children and uphold the due process that defines our country. We shouldn't wait for a tragedy or a mistake to occur before we act. LD 2106 provides the clarity our schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities need to remain the safe havens they are meant to be. I strongly urge this committee to report LD 2106 as Ought to Pass. Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Maine.

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