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LD 2106

My name is Emerald Forcier and I am a Maine resident writing in support of LD 2106.

For decades, administrations of both parties recognized that people must be able to access schools, hospitals, daycares, and libraries without fear. These sensitive locations exist to meet basic human needs, protect public health, and support children and families. When fear keeps people from using them, everyone is harmed.

The end of longstanding federal protections has created real and immediate consequences in Maine. Arrests near schools — including the September 2025 arrest in an elementary school driveway in Portland — have left families afraid to send their children to school, seek medical care, or go to work. Students are missing school, parents are avoiding healthcare, and workers at these institutions are left without clear guidance.

LD 2106 provides a lawful, measured response. It does not prevent immigration enforcement, but it does require a valid judicial warrant before ICE may conduct enforcement at schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries. The bill also protects sensitive personal information and gives teachers, healthcare workers, daycare providers, and librarians clear direction so they are not forced to make high-stakes decisions in moments of crisis.

There are more than 21,000 U.S. citizen children in Maine with at least one noncitizen parent. Protecting access to education, healthcare, and childcare strengthens our workforce, our economy, and our communities as a whole.

LD 2106 keeps Maine's essential public spaces focused on their purpose: education, health, safety, and service. I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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