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LD 2106

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am contacting you today to urge you to support LD 2106.

As a retired Maine physician, I cannot imagine a law enforcement officer arresting any person in my office unless I had called them to ask for their help. Activities in a doctors office are private and protected under HIPPA laws as well as by simple common sense. I would not tolerate entry into my office, or any interference with one of my patients, unless the officer(s) involved first showed me a court order, signed by a Judge.

When I was in practice, I refused to provide medical records for a patient that were requested by the Medical Licensing Board because the request did not include a warrant signed by a Judge. Federal authorities, like ICE, are no different. Individuals need to be able to get medical care and conduct other private business without interference. The same applies for other places where individuals are minding their own business.

There is no reason for ICE to conduct immigration enforcement at schools, daycares, hospitals, and libraries, and no Maine parent should feel afraid to send their child to school or take them to the doctor when they are sick. To conduct immigration enforcement at places like this, ICE should be required to get approval from a judge and a valid judicial warrant. LD 2106 is common sense, protects Maine's children, and all of us across the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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