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LD 2106

Hello, and thank you for hearing my testimony. My name is Sarah Hazzard, and I am a concerned Maine resident who wishes to strongly advocate for swift passage of proposed bill LD 2106.

I am testifying today as a lifelong Mainer who is horrified by the destruction, brutality, and fear that has been spread by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions both at a national level and an immediate level, right here in our local communities. I love my community and am heartbroken by the terror that has been inflicted upon its members by ICE.

Many Mainers, including legal residents and citizens, are currently living in fear - afraid to leave their homes to report to work, receive necessary medical treatment, drop a child off at daycare... and unfortunately, especially without appropriate protections in place, these fears are valid. No parent should be afraid to send their child to school or take a loved one to the doctor - especially here in Maine. Hatred and terror have no place in our home.

By mandating that ICE cannot enter Maine schools, healthcare facilities, libraries, or childcare centers without a valid judicial warrant, LD 2106 protects children, teachers, healthcare workers, and the rest of us here in our beautiful state from baseless ICE harassment and aggression.

All Mainers deserve to feel safe in our home, and it is our duty as fellow community members to protect one another and speak up in times like these when that safety is threatened.

Once again, I am advocating in strong support of passing proposed bill LD 2106. I sincerely hope you will consider the safety of our community and pass LD 2106. Thank you for hearing my testimony.