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LD 2106

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for your work on behalf of all residents and visitors to the state of Maine. I stand with you proud of our state.

Please support LD 2106 to provide stronger supports to Mainers.

We are in a time where immigrants are living in fear so great that they are reluctant to go to their jobs or school, access health care, or leave their children at day care or school. We have created these services for all and restricting them from Maine residents only serves to increase fear.

The focus of law enforcement should be on those who present a current danger to their community. The overwhelming majority of people taken by ICE do not present any such danger. Treating them as if they do, endangers us all as we lose key members of our community who support schools, daycares, health care institutions, and private companies that we all depend upon; and their families suffer greatly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Barbara Kates, Bangor Maine.