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We must do all that we can as a state, city, town, community and neighborhood to provide safe spaces for any human being at a given time. I am a resident of Maine, a mother and an educator who believes that we are at a turning point in how we respond to unthinkable removal of rights for human beings, regardless of their legal status here in this country; we must make the right choices that leave a legacy of justice in our state. A child deserves to feel safe in a school, one of the few places where they should always feel understood, respected and free to communicate with adults who they trust. My work with students has shown me that this is imperative for not only their well being but our well being as a society. I can only hope that the current ICE situation is temporary for Maine and our country, but I do worry for the future and hope that with our engagement and commitment to doing what is right for human beings, we can protect and provide safety in such turbulent times, now and always.