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LD 2106

To the judiciary committee,

I am writing to voice my support for LD 2106, a bill to keep ICE out of hospitals, schools, libraries, and daycares. Like many people in Maine, I was shocked to learn that these places aren't already protected. Learning that these safeguards were removed by one of Trump's first executive orders only strengthens my belief that this bill must be passed.

At this moment, ICE officers are detaining citizens and immigrants who have legal status, often without warrants. The names are Juan Sebastian Carvajal-Munoz, Marcos Da Silva, Francoise Makuza, Micheline Ntumba, Yanick Joao Carneiro, and Jean-Pierre Obiang weigh heavily on my mind. These individuals were detained by ICE in Maine despite being here legally and having no criminal records. At the very least, we should be taking action to slow ICE's unlawful practices by establishing sanctuary spaces where people can feel safe accessing essential services.

LD 2106 is an important step toward protecting the people of Maine and curbing ICE's increasingly lawless behavior.