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LD 2106

I urge you to pass LD 2106. For decades, both Republican and Democratic federal administrations have had policies in place that limit immigration enforcement at sensitive locations such as public schools and hospitals. These policies were built on a commonsense understanding that the importance of people being able to access these locations without fear is a matter of overall public health and in the interest of everyone.

One of the first actions the current federal administration took in office was to end this longstanding policy. As broad and indiscriminate immigration enforcement has dramatically ramped up in Maine and beyond, Maine's noncitizen residents are living in deep fear and anxiety, scared to leave their homes, go to work, take their children to school, seek healthcare, and more.

LD 2106 would require ICE to have a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge to conduct enforcement at schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries as well as protect people's information that might be held at these places. Importantly, the bill also provides guidance and support to teachers, healthcare workers, and other employees at these locations, ensuring they are not put in crisis situations and forced to make individual decisions.