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Hello. My name is Maeve and I am a resident of Portland Maine. I tend to take pride in where I live and the way my city treats the people who live here. However with federal immigration services taking over the city, I am looking to Portland to do better.

I went out to buy groceries yesterday, accompanied by feelings of fear and anxiety that were not just mine, but so apparent in most of the people around me. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to take a moment to sit with the fact that many families are choosing to go without basic needs just to feel safe here. Many Maine kids no longer have the right to go to school, the doctors, or get groceries- even to live a just and peaceful life. If some of parts of a community go down, it affects everyone. Many neighbors of Portland are working extra hard to stand up and fill in gaps for kids where they can, but a communal stress has been on the rise.

Maine can do better. Mainers need their peace back. I support LD 2106 and I hope you do too, so that the entire state of Maine doesn't suffer from the unsafety of a government that falsely claims it is making its country safer. Everyone has the right to safety, health care, food, and education.