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LD 2106

Honorable members of the State and Local Government Committee, I strongly urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2106 to provide a level of safety for all in Maine from unaccountable immigration enforcement presence and to maintain security for staff, students, and patients in Maine's schools, daycares, hospitals and libraries. There is currently fear for many immigrants in Maine around participating in the public sphere due to recent ICE activities and detentions. Because there are not functioning systems of accountability in place for ICE, they have been acting with impunity, apprehending people who are here legally and separating families with young children. Many in the immigrant community currently fear going out to school and work, and many parents fear sending their children to school or bringing them to the doctor. The state should take a strong stand and limit ICE ability to enter schools, daycares, hospitals, and libraries so all people can feel safe and be able to fully partake in these essential elements of daily life. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with the committee. I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2016.