

January 28, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

From: MELISSA PRESCOTT - 12 WALKER AVE. NORWAY, ME 04268

Re: Testimony in Support of LD2106

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am sorry I am unable to attend the public hearing on LD 2106, but I am grateful for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of this important bill.

My name is Melissa Prescott, and I have worked as a public school educator in Maine since 2004. I have been horrified to witness the lawless violence that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has perpetrated in our state and across the nation. These actions have left many students terrified to leave their homes, directly harming their education and overall well-being. The fear and trauma inflicted upon children and schools affect every one of us who cares about the safety and future of our kids.

As James Baldwin aptly stated, "The children are always ours, every single one of them, all over the globe; and I am beginning to suspect that whoever is incapable of recognizing this may be incapable of morality."

LD 2106 protects children, parents, educators, healthcare workers, and communities in Maine by denying ICE access to schools, healthcare facilities, daycare centers, and libraries without a judicial warrant. This bill would help counteract the terror and paralysis imposed on many immigrant individuals and families by ICE's increased presence.

LD 2106 affirms Maine's commitment to due process, human dignity, and the protection of our most vulnerable residents. For these reasons, I urge you to vote **Ought to Pass** on this bill.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the justice and safety of all Mainers.

Sincerely,
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