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LD 2106

My name is Louise Secordel, I'm a Scarborough resident, and I'm in support of LD 2106.

LD 2106 ensures that ICE cannot enter Maine's schools, daycares, healthcare facilities, or libraries without a valid judicial warrant. It is a necessary step to take after a federal policy prohibiting ICE enforcement actions at places like school and hospitals was eliminated by the Trump administration on 1/20/25.

LD 2106 is about ensuring that everyone can meet basic human needs without fear. It is about making sure kids can go to school, and people can get healthcare or go to work, without the fear of being unlawfully detained and separated from their families. Since ICE has ramped up their operations as of 1/20/26, our immigrant neighbors have been indiscriminately targeted. The majority of people recently detained by ICE have appropriate paperwork and no criminal records. It has felt surreal to explain to my immigrant friends that even though they've done everything right and are working hard to feed and shelter their families as they make Maine their new home, they may at any moment be unjustly detained and separated from their families by armed, masked agents, who will send them across the country in order to make legal aid more difficult to access. Instead of improving public safety, ICE enforcement has been endangering it.

Many Mainers have stepped up to support families who are sheltering in place, and it's time that the State does more to protect our communities. Having a valid judicial warrant for ICE enforcement at essential public spaces is commonsense policy and is the bare minimum needed if we are to protect our neighbors, our economy, and our rights. I urge you to pass LD 2106.