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LD 2106

I am writing to support LD 2106, which is a critical step towards protecting our daycares, schools, hospitals and libraries. As a parent and educator, I know how important it is to shield children from unnecessary terror and trauma.

Immigration officers across the country are ramping up tactics of violence and fear, and Maine deserves better. I trust in our lawmakers to uphold decades of commonsense bipartisan policies that limit immigration enforcement at sensitive locations such as schools and hospitals. These policies protect everyone. When people feel unsafe going to work and school, seeking medical care, and using their libraries, we all suffer.

My family moved from Sabattus to Lewiston because we want our child to grow up in a city of people who have traveled across continents to form a community. Just as past generations of immigrants built Lewiston, today's refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers are crucial to a strong and growing city. They are not outsiders, they are part of the fabric of this place.

Walking around the Lewiston in the past week has made this obvious. Downtown is quiet, businesses are empty, no kids are out playing. People are afraid, regardless of their citizenship status. This isn't the city we know, and it's certainly not the home we want.

This moment will be remembered by history. I hope that each one of us does everything in our power to protect our neighbors. We must pass LD 2106.

Thank you for your service to our state,
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