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LD 2106

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Wylliam Wold and I am a resident of Portland, Maine.

I am writing testimony today in support of LD 2106, in order to restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant. Our tax dollars go to these spaces under the agreement that they are there to serve, nurture and protect our community. Allowing federal immigration enforcement operations to take place in these places is in direct conflict with that trust and the representation of the people. We have seen the violence and destruction of family units being carried out by these officers and cannot invite it to continue by accepting anything less than a judicial warrant that restricts operations to a specific person in a specific place. Anything less is endangerment of the public.

These places also serve as critical resources for thousands of individuals and families in our state. But many of our neighbors are too afraid to access these spaces because of the recent indiscriminate, violent actions of ICE. By restricting ICE's access to these community places, we can ensure that everyone can use these basic services without fear.

I have personally seen the fear that has shut down the invisible majority of my city. Friends and workers are living in fear, unable to leave their homes to perform basic tasks crucial to life — let alone go to work, as Border Czar Tom Homan's own words validate: "If we can't get them in the community, we'll get them in the workplace." Is this the style of leadership Maine wants to entrust its citizens with?

These disruptions harm the public health and well-being of our entire community. LD 2106 would mitigate some of these impacts by prohibiting ICE from accessing sensitive locations that people rely on to meet their basic needs.

Please support LD 2106, and ensure that Maine's schools, libraries, healthcare centers, and daycares are a safe place for all who need them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.