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LD 2106

To Whom It May Concern—

I am writing to you today to submit my testimony in support of LD 2106. As an educator, my firm conviction is that it is my foremost responsibility to ensure the physical and psychological well-being of my students. As an experienced educator, I know that effective education is only possible in an environment where my students' basic needs are met—this includes a sense of safety and security. In the current political climate, LD 2106, if passed, will support myself and other educators to do the job that we are entrusted with—ensuring both the physical safety and the academic success of our students. The threat of immigration enforcement invading our places of learning creates an environment of fear, uncertainty, and inconsistency—all conditions known to be detrimental to effective learning and child development. Without the protection afforded by this bill, I cannot ensure that the basic needs of my students are being met. I demand that my representatives do everything in their power to support my ability to fulfill my responsibilities as an educator—I ask that they do their civic duty, so that I can continue to do mine.

Sincerely,

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