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LD 2106

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

My name is Wendy and I am a resident of Wells, Maine.

I am writing today in support of LD 2106 which would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, daycares and schools without a judicial warrant. As a retired educator of 25 years I know how valuable school libraries, schools, as well as, public libraries are to our students. These are spaces that our students should be able to access to enrich their studies, their minds and their imaginations. If they fear that attending school or visiting a public library will endanger themselves or their families or threaten them in any way they will not have access to valuable resources that will further their education. If we do not enable our young Mainers to get the most out of their education and be able to have a strong educational foundation we weaken our communities and do not demonstrate, as the adults in the state, that we value them and their futures. Children and young adults look to us to set an example, protect their rights and ensure that their future can be brighter. In these troubling times we need to stand up and protect these young Mainers and allow them to freely access all our educational and public institutions and what they can offer them.