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LD 2106

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LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

My name is Leah Johnson and I am a concerned Maine resident living in Portland. As a social worker employed within a non-profit that provides child care services, LD 2106 is personal to me. I have colleagues and members of my organization who are scared to come to work and bring their children to school because they are worried ICE will show up.

These fears are real and valid. Clearly immigration status does not matter to ICE. They are targeting minority groups altogether. Even those with documents showing they have asylum or a green card are being detained by ICE. ICE claims to be going after criminals or “the worst of the worst”, but this is simply not true. Only 13% of those detained in Maine over the past week or so have any criminal record at all (Davis, 2026). We have seen by the multiple horrific murders by ICE over recent months that they do not care about following the law or regular judicial proceedings. We need to take action to protect immigrants and minority groups from the unpredictable and inhumane actions of ICE.

LD 2106 would prohibit staff from allowing ICE to enter a child care facility. This aligns with previous longstanding policy that ensured anyone could access their public schools, healthcare, and childcare services without fear of immigration enforcement. LD 2106 builds back these protections. It helps to ensure that those visiting and those that work in these sensitive locations are protected.

Immigrants have spoken out about how the threat of ICE has caused them to have to skip school or miss work. ICE is hindering immigrant residents from accessing education. With the passing of LD 2106, it would provide guidance for staff that a decision was made on the state level halting immigration officers from entering the specified locations without a judicial warrant. It provides a level of safety for those accessing services, knowing that staff cannot provide voluntary consent allowing ICE to enter or access to records.

For these reasons, I request that Chairperson Amy Kuhn and the Judiciary committee pass LD 2106. Our neighbors, students, and colleagues are at risk and we must do what we can to protect them from ICE.

Sincerely,
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Reference

Davis, E. (2026, January 23). ‘A dragnet approach,’ lawful residents detained in initial days of ICE operation in Maine. *Maine Morning Star*.
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