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

To: Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary

I am a college professor and a community member in midcoast Maine, and have been horrified by the recent incursion of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents in Maine. As an educator, I worry about the safety of students and colleagues on a daily basis; we are already on edge in an era of rampant school shootings.

Now, I fear these unaccountable, masked, armed, ambiguously or unidentified ICE agents, who have been sowing chaos and violence in Minneapolis and have now begun terrorizing Maine's communities, will bring violence and fear to our schools and other public places with their faceless armed raids.

In other states and cities, we've seen ICE target public places that were formerly off-limits for this type of civil immigration enforcement (churches, schools, childcare centers, medical facilities, libraries), but in the current lawless practices of ICE, all these sites are regularly scenes of violence, family separation, and intimidation. I fear for my colleagues and students; I fear armed confrontations in public places that should be safe; I fear for the safety of legal observers attempting to serve as witnesses for those lawfully or unlawfully detained by ICE, two of whom have been executed in broad daylight in the street by ICE in Minneapolis.

So far, our national legislators have failed to curtail the lawless behavior of this overfunded and unaccountable agency, and so I am asking you, our sensible and community-oriented state legislators in Maine, to take state-level measures to protect Maine people *from our own* national government.

It is a sad day when we need state protection from an out of control national agency, but that day is plainly here. I am writing to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2106 to help protect the people of Maine from the unaccountable, violent, masked agents who bring terror to our town and cities, and continue to violate the trust of the American people with lawless violence.

Sincerely,
Amy Rahn