

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

Dear Representative Sato, Senator Rotundo, Representatives Dhalac, Lee, Meyer, Murphy, Rana, Speaker Fecteau, Senate President Daughtry, and Senator Talbot-Ross,

My name is Joanne Sterling, and I am a resident of Peaks Island. I am writing in support of LD 2106, which will help ensure that people will be safer in public facilities and that private information held by these entities will be protected. It will also guide and support workers at these locations and ensure that they are not put in crisis situations and forced to make individual policy decisions.

I am a member of New Brackett Church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association. As a person of faith, I feel strongly that all people are worthy of equal respect and dignity and have a right to live free from fear of unwarranted harassment or detention and participate as valuable members of our towns and cities.

All people, regardless of immigration status, should feel safe in public places such as public schools, health and day care facilities, and libraries. Also, employees of these facilities, such as nurses, teachers, librarians, who are some of the most dedicated members of our workforce, should receive clear guidelines and policies relating to interacting with immigration officials when they enter these facilities.

I urge you to pass this bill, which will protect the public health of all people in Maine.

Regards,

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