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LD 2106

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

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My name is Val Johnstone. I am a long-time Maine resident and a concerned neighbor in Westbrook. I am writing today to urge you to support LD 2106.

The presence of federal immigration enforcement in our local spaces has created an environment of fear that makes our entire community less safe. When our neighbors are afraid to interact with public institutions, everyone loses.

Specifically, I believe this bill is vital because:

**Education:** All Maine children deserve to receive their education and access school lunch programs without the looming fear that they may be detained or their private information might be used against their families.

**Public Health:** No one should hesitate to seek medical care out of fear of detention. Our healthcare workers should be able to focus on saving lives and serving the public, not acting as an extension of federal enforcement.

**Privacy & Trust:** Private documentation—whether it's a student record or a medical file—should be just that: private. LD 2106 ensures that these records are only disclosed through proper judicial review, rather than being willfully shared.

LD 2106 protects the rights and safety of vulnerable Maine residents, including children and those working in our schools, libraries, and clinics. By passing this legislation, you are ensuring that Maine remains a place where public health and education come first.

I respectfully ask the committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 2106. Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

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