

TO: Members of the Judiciary Committee

DATE: January 26, 2026

RE: LD 2008, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

My name is Cherie Galyean. I am a resident of Bar Harbor and I am writing in support of LD 2106.

Like many in Maine, I am concerned with the current federal actions in our state around immigrants. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Border Patrol and other federal agencies have been acting aggressively and, often, outside of their jurisdiction in their pursuit of poorly defined immigration targets.

While this enforcement has been primarily (though not exclusively) focused on southern Maine, it seem likely that it will spread throughout the state. Because of both our tourist-based economy and the two biological laboratories located within our town, Bar Harbor as a region employs a large number of immigrants and visa-holders from across the globe. I suspect that within the next few months, it will be a target of this aggressive immigration enforcement.

Institutions within Maine are struggling with how to react to this enforcement and need clear guidance based on state law. I believe that LD 2106 provides this guidance and allows institutions legal cover to protect those they serve, including children. I strongly support the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and service.