

Testimony of Hannah Ranco

Support for LD 2106

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

Chairman Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Hannah Ranco, I am a resident of Augusta and an educator in Maine. I am testifying today in strong support of LD 2106. If passed, LD 2106 will protect the public health of Maine and help ensure people feel safer at public schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries. These are the places in our community where Mainers should feel the most safe. To not protect the sanctity of these spaces is to fail our most vulnerable community members. As an Indigenous woman (Penobscot Nation), I carry the generational trauma of my people with me as I navigate the world. I recognize the brutality immigrant communities are facing in Maine, and I recognize that LD 2106 could help these communities feel safer. As an educator, I feel a responsibility to protect my students from the fear and trauma caused by this current administration. I am sure you all feel this same responsibility.

Since the Trump administration began its mass deportation campaign, immigrant families in Maine have been afraid to leave their houses, to go to work, send their children to school, seek healthcare, seek social services, attend religious services, and more. These fears were amplified in September 2025 when immigration agents conducted an arrest in an elementary school driveway in Portland. With ICE's new operation underway in Maine, the need for LD 2106 is even more urgent. LD 2106 would provide important clarity and guidance to workers like me and would protect the rights and safety of vulnerable Maine residents. For these reasons, I urge this committee to vote yes on LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration.