

Support for LD 2106 (HP 1421) – Protecting Patient Privacy

To: Senator Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn

Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Room 438, State House

Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

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Patient confidentiality and trust are foundational to safe, ethical, and effective healthcare. Nurses and nurse practitioners are bound by professional, ethical, and legal standards to safeguard sensitive patient information. The assurance that personal health information will remain protected is essential for individuals to seek care, disclose critical information, and engage fully in their treatment.

LD 2106 reinforces these core principles by ensuring that nonpublic records are not released without appropriate judicial review. This safeguard is essential not only for protecting individual privacy, but also for maintaining public confidence in our healthcare and legal systems. Without these protections, patients may hesitate to seek care or share vital information, ultimately compromising health outcomes and public health.

On behalf of the American Nurses Association of Maine, I respectfully urge the committee to support LD 2106. Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to protecting patient privacy and responsible public health policy.

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