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LD 2106

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:
My name is Rev. Dr. Kharma Amos. I am a resident of Lisbon, I serve the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, and I am testifying in support of LD 2106 - "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review"

Along with so many other Mainers, I am appalled by the actions of Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) in Maine, as well as in the tragic events of late in Minneapolis. It is not OK for our neighbors (regardless of their citizenship status) to live in fear of leaving their homes, sending their children to school, seeking medical care, or any other activity of daily living.

This bill will provide clear reinforcement of the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution, which protects the right of persons (i.e. not only citizens) from unreasonable search and seizure, much less kidnapping, detention, or death. This bill should not be necessary, except that the Fourth Amendment protections (i.e. "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.") are being violated by federal agents.

As a Unitarian Universalist, it is a core foundation of my faith that all people have inherent worth and dignity, and deserve to be treated with respect. Please send a clear message that the rights of Mainers (new and old) will be protected, and that due process of law shall be applied to all equally.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106.
Thank you.