

**Written Testimony of Leigh Peake, South Berwick ME**  
**In Support of LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records**  
**Without Proper Judicial Review Education and Cultural Affairs Committee**

To Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Leigh Peake. I am a resident of Maine in Senate District 35 and House District 150 and I am writing to testify in strong support of LD 2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review."

This legislation addresses a real and urgent concern in Maine: ensuring that some of our most important community-based institutions – the institutions that are the threads that weave communities together – remain safe, accessible, and trusted spaces for ALL residents.

LD 2106 does **not** interfere with lawful immigration enforcement as has been asserted. Instead, it draws a clear and reasonable line by requiring proper judicial review—through a valid warrant or exigent circumstances—before schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, or daycare facilities are entered or confidential records are accessed. The principle of due process is the bedrock of our Constitution, and it protects everyone, regardless of immigration status. It is therefore critical that these institutions be counted as safe and protected by due process in order for them to serve our communities.

The bill provides much-needed clarity for frontline workers who should not be placed in the impossible position of making on-the-spot legal judgments about whether to grant access to sensitive spaces or records. By establishing a uniform standard across institutions, LD 2106 reduces confusion, protects workers, and ensures consistent compliance with both state and federal law.

Just as important, this legislation protects essential public outcomes. When families fear that visiting a school, hospital, childcare facility, or library could expose them or their children to immigration enforcement without judicial oversight, they may avoid these important services altogether. That fear undermines community well-being, public safety, and trust in our institutions—outcomes that harm the entire state, not just immigrant communities. That fear also places undue burden on **other** community-based organizations who step up when community members still need these services. For example, a significant proportion of children in Maine receive essential nutrition thanks to Maine's Universal Free Meals program. If children are too afraid to go to school, many will drop into food insecurity.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote **Ought to Pass** on LD 2106. This bill strengthens constitutional protections, supports workers, and helps ensure that Maine's schools, healthcare facilities, childcare providers, and libraries remain safe and accessible for everyone who depends on them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Leigh Peake