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LD 2106

Good Afternoon Representative Eleanor Sato, Senator Margaret Rotundo, President Matthea Daughtry, Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Senator Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Michele Meyer, Representative Dequa Dhalac, Representative Adam Lee, Representative Ambureen Rana, Representative Kelly Noonan Murphy, and the members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony today.

My name is Trinity Poon and I am a student at Bates College in Lewiston. I am writing today to ask that you support LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

LD 2106 is a vital form of protection for Mainers in public schools, colleges, health and care facilities, and public libraries. It has been long understood in this country that such institutions are safe havens for citizens seeking education, care, and other public services— basic needs that deserve to be met without fear and intimidation. The recent activities of ICE agents have disrupted these sanctuaries of public service. Citizens instead have been threatened by the abhorrent violence, flagrant disregard for due process, assaults, murders, and kidnappings perpetuated by ICE agents, impeding their access to those public services to which they are indisputably entitled. Relying on the fear they have perpetuated, ICE agents' activities have only been supported by their allowance in nonpublic spaces. I urge you to consider the infringement on freedom and thriving that agents' allowance in nonpublic spaces has permitted and implore you to take the appropriate action to stop it.

Please support LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review and stand up for the lives and rights of citizens and residents in this country. Thank you for listening to the voices and perspectives of those directly impacted by this legislation and those giving testimony.