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LD 2106

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing in strong support of LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Watching the news in recent weeks, it's hard not to feel terror and shame when watching Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents physically dragging our neighbors from their cars, homes, workplaces, and other public spaces and sending them to undisclosed locations. It is even scarier and alarming to know that these activities are being conducted without adherence to longstanding Constitutional principles that protect all of us, citizens and noncitizens alike.

Maine is a state that prides itself on building strong communities, looking out for one another, and enacting and enforcing common sense laws that make our state safe for every person, no matter how long they've lived here. LD2106 is a continuation of this important work, as it protects the places where our communities are built (schools, libraries, etc.) from unconstitutional activity that divides our people and puts Maine residents in physical and psychological danger.

We can no longer rely on the federal government to protect our people - it's time for the State of Maine to adopt a framework that keeps us safe. I urge you to support this emergency bill in its entirety.

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