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LD 2106

I am writing to urge you to support LD 2106 - An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

As the father of a middle schooler and a member of my local school board, I feel it is important for schools to have all the support necessary to focus on their primary mission, the education and welfare of our children. Current federal immigration enforcement actions have impacted schools' ability to do this.

In addition to actual enforcement actions taken on or near school grounds, there have been numerous reports (see here:

<https://www.pressherald.com/2026/01/27/we-will-need-to-continue-to-rely-on-each-other-maine-schools-react-to-increased-ice-enforcement-2/>) of increased absenteeism and in some instances, schools feeling forced to consider a shift to remote learning to deal with the current circumstances.

This should not be happening. There is no reasonable justification for immigration enforcement to curtail public school education. While LD 2106 may not be sufficient to solve this issue, it is a good first step to provide clarity to schools and other sensitive locations and support them in continuing to provide vital public services. In the absence of leadership from federal policymakers, it is contingent on Maine's lawmakers to reassert reasonable restrictions on immigration enforcement.

I hope you agree and will vote to support this bill.