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LD 2106 - An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Good afternoon and thank you to the honorable members of the committee for allowing me to share my testimony today.

My name is Anastasia Azenaro-Moore, I'm a resident of Eliot and I'm here to give my full support to LD 2106.

In the last year, Americans have seen scores of videos and read hundreds of accounts of ICE and CBP agents acting with absolute impunity and aggression as they seek to rack up arrest counts to satisfy a "quota". Immigration enforcement agents have terrorized our neighbors by arresting individuals simply going about their daily lives. These arrests and detentions are almost always occurring without a judicial warrant which is evidenced by the many stories of legal asylum seekers without any criminal history being arrested and deported here in Maine over the last two weeks.

Our federal government has encouraged agents to deny the lawful due process that every person in this country is afforded going as far as to issue guidance stating that ICE agents do not need to seek judicial warrants to enter private homes. The complete disregard for the legal rights of our immigrant community by the federal government is the reason why this committee has the moral obligation to support this bill.

LD2106 would ensure that immigration enforcement agents cannot conduct enforcement operations in public schools, libraries, healthcare facilities and childcare facilities without a judicial warrant throughout the State of Maine or obtain records from these institutions. These spaces are funded by the State of Maine's taxpayers, and it is antithetical to core of who we are as a state for them to serve as a honeypot for ICE.

Passing LD2106 would not solve the problems of the rogue and reckless immigration enforcement agenda of this administration but it would extend badly needed protections to spaces that are essential for every person, regardless of their citizenship status, to have access to.

I implore this committee to think about what it would say for this bill not to pass. It would declare that based on the color of your skin, your last name, that status of your immigration claim, and the whims of the administration, you do not have the right to go to school, receive healthcare, or check out a book at the library without fear.

That's a reality that I reject and that anyone with a conscience should reject. I urge you all to support LD2106.

Thank you,
Anastasia Azenaro-Moore