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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in support of

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

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes a number of coastal, rural and island communities across Hancock County. I write to you today in support of **LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review**, which is a commonsense approach to supporting Maine families and the institutions they rely on every day.

As a legislator and as a parent, I believe deeply that schools, libraries, health care facilities and child care settings must remain safe, trusted spaces for children and families. Parents should be able to send their kids to school, take them to the doctor or walk into a library without fear that those everyday moments could become sources of trauma or instability.

In rural and island communities like mine, access to services is already limited. When families hesitate to use essential services, the consequences reach far beyond the individual household — affecting student learning, public health and community wellbeing. This bill helps ensure that fear does not become another barrier for families who are already navigating so much.

LD 2106 does not interfere with federal law or prevent lawful immigration enforcement. It simply draws a clear line around voluntary cooperation in sensitive locations, ensuring that front-line workers are not put in the position of making legal judgments in high-pressure moments and that families are not caught in the middle when seeking care or education.

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Eagle Island Township, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven

Supporting this bill is about standing with parents, protecting children and preserving trust in the community institutions that hold our towns together. I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.