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I respectfully submit this testimony in support of LD 2106. This bill is an important and timely affirmation of due process, privacy, and judicial oversight, particularly as concerns grow around the disclosure of nonpublic information in sensitive community spaces such as schools and hospitals.

LD 2106 establishes a clear and reasonable standard: that nonpublic records should not be disclosed without proper judicial review. This safeguard is essential to ensure that disclosures are lawful, narrowly tailored, and justified by a neutral judge rather than made through informal or discretionary requests.

This protection is especially critical in the context of immigration enforcement. Schools and hospitals must remain safe and trusted environments where individuals can seek education and medical care without fear that personal information will be shared absent a warrant. When families believe that enrolling a child in school or seeking treatment at a hospital could expose them or their loved ones to enforcement actions, the result is harm not only to those individuals, but to public health, educational outcomes, and community well-being as a whole.

Judicial review serves as an essential check in these situations. It ensures that requests for nonpublic information meet legal standards and prevents the erosion of confidentiality that schools, healthcare providers, and other institutions are ethically and legally obligated to maintain. LD 2106 provides clarity for these institutions, protecting them from pressure to disclose information improperly while preserving lawful pathways for enforcement when warranted.

Maine has a longstanding commitment to civil liberties, privacy, and the rule of law. LD 2106 upholds those values by balancing legitimate enforcement needs with the fundamental rights of individuals and families. I urge the Committee to support this bill and to vote “ought to pass.”

Thank you for your time and consideration.