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LD 2106

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review. This bill is essential to protecting public health, safety, and stability in Maine's communities.

LD 2106 ensures that schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries remain places where people can safely meet basic human needs—without fear. By prohibiting immigration enforcement in these sensitive locations unless officers present a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge, the bill affirms longstanding constitutional principles and restores commonsense safeguards that existed across Democratic and Republican administrations for decades.

This legislation strengthens Maine by ensuring that:

All children can attend school and access education, food, and stability;
All residents can seek medical care and share critical public health information;
Parents can safely leave their children in school or daycare and go to work;
Libraries remain trusted places for information, referrals, and services; and
Teachers, healthcare workers, daycare providers, and librarians are not forced into crisis situations or left to make individual legal decisions without guidance.

The elimination of federal protections against immigration enforcement at schools and hospitals has created widespread fear and trauma, including here in Maine. Since the beginning of the current administration's mass deportation campaign, immigrant families have been afraid to leave their homes, go to work, send their children to school, seek healthcare, or access essential services. These fears were amplified in September 2025, when immigration agents conducted an arrest in an elementary school driveway in Portland—an action that had no public safety justification and sent shockwaves through our communities.

More than 21,000 U.S. citizen children in Maine live with at least one non-citizen parent. LD 2106 directly addresses the mental health, developmental, and public health harms caused by indiscriminate immigration enforcement, while also protecting Maine's workforce and economy. When parents do not feel safe sending their children to school or daycare, they cannot reliably go to work—and entire communities suffer.

While Maine cannot control federal immigration policy, it can ensure that state and local institutions are not complicit in enforcement actions that undermine public health and safety. LD 2106 provides clear, uniform guidance: immigration officers may not enter nonpublic areas without a valid judicial warrant, workers may not provide voluntary consent, and sensitive immigration information may not be shared absent legal compulsion. This clarity protects workers, institutions, and the people they serve.

LD 2106 is a measured, lawful, and urgently needed response. It protects constitutional rights, supports essential workers, and ensures that Maine remains a place where people can safely learn, heal, work, and care for their families. I urge you to support LD 2106.

Respectfully,
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