

*Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,*

My name is Elisabeth Bialosky, I am a social worker, and I live in South Portland, Maine.

I am testifying in strong support of L.D. 2106 “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review”

I have worked with youth the majority of my career. For seven years, I taught middle schoolers and high schoolers in various contents and settings. I am fiercely protective of youth and believe they have a right to feel safe, especially in public spaces. However, youth do not feel safe in Maine right now, especially youth of color and youth not born into American citizenship. It is unconscionable that youth do not feel safe attending school out of fear of ICE involvement, which is going to create long term impacts on their education.

Moreover, it is not fair to workers in these spaces to make decisions on ICE entering the buildings. Prior to 2025, it was prohibited for ICE to enter schools and hospitals. This has been a long standing policy to promote public safety. LD 2106 would provide important clarity and guidance to workers at schools, libraries, hospitals, and other spaces that should be safe that a decision has been made by Maine’s state government that immigration officers are prohibited from entering these locations without a valid judicial warrant, and workers at these places are not allowed to provide voluntary consent to all immigration officers to enter.

I respectfully encourage you to support LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Bialosky