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

I write in support of LD2106. I feel I should not have to. How have our institutions eroded, such that we need a new law requiring a valid judicial warrant in order for enforcement to enter our schools, our hospitals and healthcare facilities, our daycare centers, our libraries. Of course a valid judicial warrant should be required. How has it even become thinkable that such places could be entered without valid judicial warrant? The same goes for seizure of private records in the nonpublic areas of these spaces. These should not be available or disclosed without judicial review.

Every Mainers – multi-generational Mainers and New Mainers, old timers and people from away, retirees and school children, citizens and those pursuing citizenship, all of us – should be able to carry on our work, our education, our childcare and healthcare, our family and communal life without the threat of intimidation, invasion, or violence from ICE.

LD2106 is but one step toward ensuring proper review and oversight of ICE operations in Maine. And unless subjected to real oversight – and a complete reckoning of its recklessness and unprofessionalism – ICE shouldn't be here.