

January 28th, 2026

Dear Chair Carney, Chair Kuhn and honorable members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Charlie Neill and I live in Portland.

I am writing today to urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 2106,

An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

This act protects the rights of Maine residents as they go about their daily life in public school, a college or university, a health care facility, a child care facility, a family child care provider or public library even if a single person in the location provides voluntary consent permitting a law enforcement officer engaged in immigration enforcement or supporting immigration enforcement to enter that nonpublic area.

This would protect Maine's public schools, hospitals, daycares, and libraries from ICE, as they continue to terrorize our neighbors and community.

As someone who has recently moved to the Portland area from out of state, one of my favorite parts of living here has been the variety of communities that have made me feel welcome. I believe that ICE's presence in Maine has put stress and fear into those communities. By physically separating some immigrants from their communities, ICE has made it harder for everyone - especially immigrants - to benefit from the welcoming environments that Maine has to offer. This is just one of many reasons why I urge you to pass LD 2106.

Thank you for voting ought to pass on LD 2106,

Sincerely,
Charlie Neill