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LD 2106

To Senator Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you in support of LD 2106, “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review”.

One of the Trump administration’s first actions in office was to eliminate a federal policy that prohibited ICE enforcement actions at places like schools and hospitals. This policy, supported in the past by presidents of both parties, ensured that all people could access crucial public services and meet basic human needs without fear.

Since the Trump administration began its mass deportation campaign, and especially since the beginning of the despicably named “Operation Catch of the Day” in Maine, immigrant families have been afraid to leave their homes, to go to work, to send their children to school, to attend religious services, and more.

As a volunteer with an organization that serves asylum seekers, I have seen the result of this first hand. I know people who have been detained, and I am delivering food to families who are afraid to leave their homes. I heard the sadness in a father’s voice when he said his children wanted to go out and play in the snow but he felt he could not safely let them do so.

LD 2106 protects people accessing services at sensitive locations, as well as the people who work there. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106

Sincerely,
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