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LD 2106

LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper
Judicial Review

Thank you honorable members of the Committee for allowing me to submit testimony. My name is Steve Carroll, and I am a resident of Portland and a teacher with Portland Public Schools. I am here to support LD 2106 to make sure ICE agents can't enter private spaces in hospitals, schools, and childcare centers.

Currently ICE is terrorizing our Maine communities. As a teacher I see the results - students not coming to school, families afraid to leave their homes, students asking me why a relative has been taken. Many students who do come to school are traumatized and scared regardless of their citizenship status. They are fearful because they are living in an unpredictable and frightening environment.

At school we have tried to reassure students that the school's policy is that ICE is not allowed in the building. ICE must meet with district administration and lawyers and they must have a judicial warrant. Students have looked at me with disbelief that the school could really keep ICE out. They have seen the videos and they have seen the reality out their windows. Passage of LD 2106 would mean that the weight of the State is behind keeping ICE out of public spaces.

I urge you to pass this bill. It is a crucial step toward ensuring public safety.