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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 Sue Andersen, and I am a resident of Portland. I am unable to testify in-person in support of LD 2106 because I am a public high school teacher with Portland Public Schools, but am grateful for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

As a public school teacher of multilingual students, I have observed first hand the damage done by the elimination of the federal policy that prohibited ICE enforcement in schools and other sensitive locations. Throughout this school year, student after student has asked, "Will ICE come into school?" or "What will happen when ICE comes to our school?" Students ask every single day. That means that every single day students have been fearful about being in school. If students do not feel safe, they cannot learn well.

As I write, ICE's inhumanely named Catch of the Day campaign is terrorizing my school community. Our attendance has plunged. Even immigrants born in the US are fearful of coming to school. Today I taught five students and stared at empty desks.

LD 2106 aims to restore longstanding, humanitarian policy of ensuring that people can access education and basic human services without fear. Having a consistent policy across the state requiring a judicial warrant to enter will provide a measure of security to vulnerable populations. I urge you to support this critical legislation.