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LD 2106

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write to support LD 2106: “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.” There are places within our community that bring out the best of us. They are where we go when we are most vulnerable—when we are sick, when we are humbled, where we learn, and where we seek shelter. They are the places where the best of humanity shines through. These places are our hospitals, our clinics, our churches, our shelters, our libraries, and our schools. These are the places that hold our most precious things—our learning, our children, our faith, and our medicine. As such, they must be accessible to all. It is for these reasons that I strongly support LD 2106.

I work in health care. More than once, I have seen undocumented immigrants arrive for emergency care with a preventable infection, scared and in extreme pain. They delayed treatment because they were afraid to seek care due to their legal status. This is no way for anyone in our society to live.

There are parents in our community right now who are avoiding bringing their kids to school because they are afraid that they will be kidnapped by ICE as soon as they drop their child off. This is no way for anyone in our society to live.

Some will say there is no need for this legislation because existing laws protect us. If the current political environment has taught us anything, it is that you cannot rely on just one law to protect you. If there is something that you feel is important, you must embed it in laws at all levels of government—city, state, and federal. This is important. Protecting the safety of our places where we support our most vulnerable is important.

There are places where everyone must be able to go to keep our society strong, because the hallmark of a civil society is how it treats its most vulnerable. They are places that should remain with doors open to all members of our community, and where no one should fear for their safety. I urge you to vote YES to establish a state-level protections for our schools, hospitals, daycares, and libraries. I urge you to vote YES in support of LD 2016.

Sincerely,
Malvina Gregory