

**LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper
Judicial Review, Judiciary Hearing, January 29, 2026**

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Meanwhile, at UMaine we have many international students and a diverse student body. On our first day of classes last week, a classmate disclosed to me that they are afraid to walk across campus, as much as they are to drive off campus. This student is a US citizen, but brown. They carry their passport at the behest of their parents, which still isn't enough to protect those targeted by immigration enforcement. We have stories from Minnesota of those picked up and driven miles away before being determined citizens, and then dumped on the side of the road in the extreme cold. Is that safe? No. Federal agents create more harm, fear, trauma, and violence

than that ever created by our immigrant neighbors. And in two weeks, Border Patrol will be recruiting on my campus at our annual career fair - and no one trusts what they will do before, after, or even during that event.

And why should they? Anyone with an internet or cable connection has witnessed the rampant and unrestrained violence in Minneapolis perpetrated by our federal government over the past few weeks. Alex Pretti, executed in the street this past Saturday. Renee Good just a few weeks earlier. The finger-snap murder of Keith Porter, a Black man, in California on New Years Eve. Every one of the 31 lives lost within one of the Homeland Security's detainment centers that we know better as concentration camps, including Lunas Campos who DHS ruled a suicide when the biopsy results and witnesses declared homicide.

I am angry. I am disappointed. I am not planning to expect my government, my administrators, my employers, or my faculty to protect me, my classmates, my coworkers, or my community. But my optimism in humanity hopes that you, our elected officials, will do what's right and pass LD 2106. So, surprise me. Surprise us. Do the decent thing and fulfill your role in serving and protecting Maine from the violence perpetrated across the country under the boot of the federal government. Thank you.

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