

January 28, 2026

Testimony Supporting LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Anne D. (Andy) Burt. I live in Edgecomb, Maine. I **strongly support LD 2106 — An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.**

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Since that day, every day, I think of the photos we took of one another, the laughter and stories we shared, all the while knowing that national government leaders were talking of initiating actions in Maine to deport these young people and other New Mainers from their homes and families. Every day I wonder where are these boys and girls? Have they found ways to get safely to school or are their parents keeping them and other children at home? Are they able to spend time together like other Mainers their age? Are their families and friends still here in Maine? I am heartsick.

We have come to a place where our government tells us certain brown, black, Indigenous people are not welcome in our country and they are grabbed off the street before they can even show papers or indicate they are citizens or have a right to be here. Yet here in Maine, so many Mainers have welcomed these new friends/neighbors as, over several years, they established businesses and helped improve community life and the economy across the state. And over the past few months, growing numbers of Mainers have been actively protecting our New Mainer friends and neighbors and protesting loudly in the streets, on bridges, calling for an end to the unjust treatment by ICE.

LD 2106 puts the brakes on the lawless approach to immigration reform that has taken root in Maine. It would ensure proper judicial review of ICE operations in our state. ICE would no longer be able to conduct immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant in schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities, daycares and libraries. This legislation would prevent ICE from obtaining private records should they enter these areas.

I urgently request that you vote unanimously **OUGHT TO PASS on LD 2106.** It is a step towards affirming the welcome our state once extended to those we now call neighbors and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

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