

Testimony re [LD 2106](#), *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*.

My name is Leslie Hill. I live in Portland, Maine. In this letter I offer testimony in support of [LD 2106](#), *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*. This proposed legislation will be the subject of the Judiciary Committee's public hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 29 at 1:00 PM.

The unwarranted deployment of ICE in Maine cities has instilled fear among residents – citizens and non-citizens alike, separated families, and is undermining Maine's economy as workers stay away from jobs in fear of being confronted, assaulted, or detained. Many despite having clear documentation of citizenship or permission to live and work here while their claims for residence are being processed.

ICE operations in Maine have been thuggish, brutal, and violently disrespectful of people's civil and human rights. I fear for anyone who has an appearance or a name that might subject them to the specious scrutiny and racial profiling of ICE agents. I fear for them and for their children's safety.

People in the state need clear assurance from our state government that it insists upon conduct of immigration enforcement with valid judicial warrants, conduct that is legal and appropriate to ensure the safety of our population in schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries. I support provisions in this bill that demand proper judicial review of ICE operations. Moreover, I strenuously endorse LD 2106 provisions preventing ICE from obtaining private records in the event they enter nonpublic areas of these spaces.

Respectfully submitted,
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