

To: Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
From: Jackson Chadwick, Maine Youth for Climate Justice
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RE: Testimony in Support of L.D. 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and respected members of the Judiciary Committee,

Good afternoon. My name is Jackson Chadwick, and I serve as the Advocacy & Organizing Director for Maine Youth for Climate Justice (MYCJ). I am also a resident of Bangor. MYCJ empowers youth under 30 to advocate for climate action and justice through legislative efforts, community engagement, and educational programs. Our members include high school and college students, as well as young adults involved in Maine's workforce.

I am testifying today in support of L.D. 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Maine Youth for Climate Justice is deeply saddened and frustrated by the recent immigration raids in Maine—raids that target U.S. citizens, legally residing visa holders, and children who are being separated from their families. The actions of ICE are, frankly, appalling.

This bill is a common-sense measure. L.D. 2106 would prevent ICE from entering public places such as schools, hospitals, and libraries without a court-issued warrant. It would also safeguard personal information, including immigration status, unless a warrant compels disclosure.

Since ICE's discriminatory operations began in Maine last week, many individuals with proper documentation have been detained or taken from public streets. Such actions are not representative of how law enforcement should operate.

As a result of ICE's actions, many parents and families fear sending their children to school, worried about potential abduction. People also feel unsafe visiting public places or going to work. The fear these actions have incited is real and entirely unacceptable.

We urge you to protect Maine's students and families by voting to pass L.D. 2106.

Thank you for considering our testimony and for listening to the voices of Maine's youth.

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