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Augusta
LD 2106

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney
The Honorable Amy Kuhn, Co-Chairs
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
DATE: January 28th, 2026

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

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,

My name is Rekha Goonesekere. I am speaking today as a resident and high school student of Augusta. I am testifying in support of LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Growing up here, I've seen and experienced how impactful school is. School is not just the center of education, it is the center of social life, community, and culture for youth. But kids can't experience all the benefits of schools if they don't feel safe to come. My classmates and I have seen the videos of the chaos of immigration control agents at Roosevelt High School. We've seen videos of people our age tackled to the ground, no matter their citizenship status. We have seen over and over the inhumane treatment of innocent people purely from racial profiling. These attacks have repeatedly proven to us that the threat of unjust detainment and removal from our homes is real and immigration control presence in schools would be scary and chaotic. How can we expect kids to go to school if that threat looms over them all day?

This bill is not just about records, it's about maintaining the sanctity of schools for students. It's an urgently needed step to ensuring kids can feel safe in their classrooms, playgrounds, and cafeterias. It's protecting children's trust in their community. For these reasons, I urge you to support LD 2106 and protect our schools.