

To the Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Dolores Jalbert Leonard, and I am a resident of Maine. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2106, *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*.

I support this bill because it addresses a real and pressing concern in our state: ensuring that schools, hospitals, childcare facilities, and libraries remain safe, accessible, and trusted places for all residents. These institutions are essential to personal and public safety, and their effectiveness depends on people feeling secure enough to use them.

LD 2106 does not prevent lawful immigration enforcement. Instead, it establishes a clear and reasonable standard by requiring proper judicial review, such as a valid warrant or exigent circumstances, before such spaces are entered or confidential records are accessed. Due process is a foundational constitutional principle, and it exists to protect everyone, regardless of immigration status.

I am particularly concerned about the impact of unchecked enforcement activity on schools and hospitals. When families fear that seeking medical care or sending their children to school could expose them to enforcement actions without judicial oversight, they may delay or avoid these services altogether. That fear undermines public health, student safety, and community trust, with consequences that extend far beyond immigrant communities.

This bill also provides critical clarity for educators, healthcare workers, and staff, who should not be forced to make complex legal decisions in the moment. Clear, consistent standards protect workers while ensuring compliance with both state and federal law.

I am also concerned about the precedent set when federal officers are permitted to enter private homes or other nonpublic spaces without a valid judicial warrant. While LD 2106 is carefully limited, it appropriately extends protections to nonpublic areas, including the homes of family child care providers, recognizing that these spaces deserve the same constitutional safeguards as any other private residence. Requiring judicial review before entry is essential to protecting the Fourth Amendment rights of all residents and preventing overreach that erodes trust, safety, and the rule of law in our communities.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106. This legislation strengthens constitutional protections, supports public safety, and helps ensure that Maine's essential institutions remain accessible to everyone who depends on them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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