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members of the committee

My name is Holly Christensen, I live in South Portland and I am here to speak in strong support of this bill to protect personal and sensitive information from being shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement without a warrant, court order, or clear legal requirement.

At its core, this bill is about trust, safety, and responsible governance.

When people interact with schools, hospitals, libraries, courts, and local agencies, they should be able to do so without fear that their personal information will be used against them or their families. If residents are afraid that providing an address, phone number, or basic identifying information could lead to detention or deportation, they avoid essential services. That makes our communities less healthy, less safe, and less stable for everyone.

As a nurse midwife they and a healthcare provider I can testify that patients are not seeking necessary medical care.

This bill draws a necessary and reasonable boundary. It does not prevent federal law enforcement from doing its job when proper legal processes are followed. Instead, it ensures that state and local agencies are not acting as de facto immigration enforcement by voluntarily sharing sensitive data. That distinction matters—for civil rights, for due process, and for public confidence in government institutions.

Data collected for one purpose should not be quietly repurposed for another, especially when the consequences can include family separation, loss of livelihood, or long-term trauma. Protecting this information is consistent with long-standing principles of privacy and limited government use of personal data.

We know from experience that when communities trust public institutions, people report crimes, seek medical care, enroll their children in school, and cooperate with local authorities. When that trust is broken, everyone pays the price.

This bill is a step toward ensuring that our policies reflect our values: fairness, dignity, and the right to live without constant fear of surveillance or punishment simply for existing.

I urge you to support this bill and to stand for the safety, privacy, and well-being of all members of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration