



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

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Committee.

My name is Chrissy Hart. I am submitting testimony as the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Maine. I am testifying in strong **support** of LD 2106.

The League of Women Voters of Maine is a nonpartisan political organization that has been working for over 100 years to encourage informed and active participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters believes that meaningful immigration policies should:

- Promote reunification of immediate families;
- Meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States;
- Be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises;
- Provide for student visas;
- Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons; and
- In transition to a reformed immigration system, support provisions for individuals already living in the country without legal permission to earn legal status.

LD 2106 would ensure proper judicial review of ICE operations in Maine, preventing ICE from conducting immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant in schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries. LD 2106 also prevents ICE from obtaining private records in the event they enter nonpublic areas of these spaces.

The League of Women Voters of Maine opposes the unwarranted deployment of ICE in our communities. These federal actions create fear and undue hardship, separate families, and erode trust in our public institutions — and this intimidation threatens civic participation, the lifeblood of our democracy. Maine schools have already seen a significant drop in student attendance¹ due to fears of encountering ICE.

¹ Riley, Board. "Maine schools react to increased ICE enforcement," Portland Press Herald. Jan. 27, 2026.
<https://www.pressherald.com/2026/01/27/we-will-need-to-continue-to-rely-on-each-other-maine-schools-react-to>

Maine's immigrants are vital to our communities. They fill crucial gaps in our workforce, strengthen our state economy, and enrich our communities with diversity and culture. When we fail to safeguard our civil liberties, democracy quickly erodes. We stand firmly with Maine immigrants and their right to safety, dignity, due process, and equal treatment under the law. Every Mainer, regardless of immigration status, should be able to attend school, go to a doctor's appointment, or simply visit their local library without fear or the threat of intimidation from ICE.

For these reasons, we strongly **support** LD 2106 and urge this committee to vote in favor of this bill.

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