

Regarding LD 2106 - An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

My name is Sydney Lerette Bubar. I am a resident of Augusta, ME. I graduated from Cony High School. I manage a team of landscapers out of Dresden. I have resided in Maine (Dawnland), for 29 years, only missing the first two years of my life here due to my father being stationed in Norfolk, VA with the US Navy. I am 31, a mother raising a 9-year-old Maine-born child with a husband who also grew up right here in Maine (Dawnland). My family has lived on Wabanaki ancestral lands uninterrupted for 7 generations.

Lines of my family tree have resided on Turtle Island since the Macombers came over in 1621 from England. Some lines stem from the first French migrant Acadians. Some have existed here following the arrival of Cortes in 1519. Some lines have existed on Turtle Island for time immemorial through this land's Native Nations. An amalgamation of indigenous and colonizer.

I'm sure many of us living here have similar stories of genetic lines branching in from all over to make that unique 'you'. Most of us, at one point, came from somewhere else.

I implore you all to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106.

Defining clear outlines of what school administrations, hospital employees, librarians, and other public/private entities can do, while also drawing clear boundary lines for agencies like ICE and CBP as to what they cannot do is the only way to ensure there is legal protection and recourse for our population.

Community members should not be made to live in fear every time they leave their home. Community members should not have to worry about being physically harmed, stolen, or murdered at a hospital, a scheduled court visit, doctor's visit, or attending classes. At all, really, but we're talking about those specifically today.

Our federal administration's brute force, cruelty, and blatant disregard for the rule of law with DHS agencies like ICE and CBP are direct attacks on what this country and our state have been striving to be: A collection of people with different backgrounds, cultures, and ideologies coming together in community and cooperation to create a better life for everyone.

Our children should not be made to live in fear. Our community members should not be made to live in fear. My child is terrified for their classmates, and they are not alone. Children should be playing, learning, and making social connections. Not worrying whether people in masks, tactical gear, and assault weapons are going to show up.

By enacting this bill, we will be showing our children, vulnerable community members, and OURSELVES that we have the strength to stand up to this strong-arm administration if we do this together.

Allowing our public service and private spaces to be safe and unimpeded by federal strong-arm tactics is the only right option.

Undocumented migrancy is not a federal offense. To exist is not a crime. No one is illegal on stolen land.

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Thank you for your time.

- Sydney Bubar