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Testimony of Rep. Deqa Dhalac in support of

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

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. I am Deqa Dhalac, and I represent House District 120, which includes part of South Portland. I am testifying today to express my strong support for **LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review**.

This legislation would protect the privacy and safety of Maine residents by ensuring that nonpublic records and access to sensitive locations are not disclosed or permitted without a valid judicial warrant.

LD 2106 safeguards critical personal information, including student records, patient health information and library records. It ensures that any access to this information by federal or other outside agents is authorized by a judge, rather than obtained through administrative requests alone. These protections are essential to maintaining public trust and preserving the civil liberties of all Mainers.

Additionally, LD 2106 would protect sensitive community spaces such as schools, hospitals, daycares and public libraries from unreviewed entry or data requests that could violate privacy, chill access to essential services or undermine the sense of safety these institutions are meant to provide.

Requiring a judicial warrant upholds due process and the rule of law, ensuring that personal information and private spaces are shielded from unwarranted disclosure or unauthorized access. Families, students, patients and library users must feel confident that they can access public services without fear of intrusion or surveillance.

This bill aligns with Maine's long-standing commitment to civil liberties and due process by ensuring that appropriate legal standards are met before sensitive records or spaces are accessed by outside authorities.

I urge you to unanimously vote Ought to Pass to help ensure that the privacy, rights and safety of all Maine residents are protected through proper judicial oversight.

Thank you for your time and consideration.