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Constituent Letter in Support of LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review | Hearing on January 29, 2026

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I am writing to voice my support for **LD 2106** to 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. ICE must be prevented from obtaining private records in the event they enter nonpublic areas of these spaces.

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.

I live near Kennedy Park, and have seen first hand who ICE is detaining - a correctional officer coming home from work, with a baby at home. In just a week's time, I have seen firsthand the devastating impact that ICE deployment and occupation is having on our community and neighbors. Children afraid to walk to the bus stop. The sick afraid to seek medical care. Families afraid to go to the grocery store or work for fear of being separated from their children. These are not the "worst of the worst" criminals that are being targeted.

These federal actions create fear, separate families, and erode trust in our institutions. This intimidation threatens civic participation and our economy. I am calling on you to provide the checks and balances that this state—this nation—deserves.

I support LD 2106 without reservation. Thank you in advance for your consideration, time, and service.

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