

Testimony in Support of LD 2106

An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Scott Harriman, I live in Lewiston, and I am testifying **in support of** LD 2106. I'm speaking today as a member of the Lewiston School Committee, but my comments reflect only my own opinion and should not be attributed to the committee as a whole.

ICE has been terrorizing our communities. Their violent tactics and indiscriminate arrests make us all less safe, but they especially affect our immigrant friends and neighbors. We need to do everything possible to protect our residents from their predations.

We also can't necessarily count on local elected officials to think of *all* students when setting policy for their schools. When I asked about what we were doing to keep Lewiston students safe and if we could provide remote learning opportunities to those who needed to stay home, I was told by other leaders in our community to "stay in [y]our lane" and that "Children should not stay home and we shouldn't be encouraging fear."

For the safety of all Mainers, please vote **Ought to Pass** on LD 2106. Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

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