

TO: Chair Carney
Chair Kuhn
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

DATE: January 29, 2026

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

Good afternoon, Chair Carney, Chair Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Shawn Jiminez I am a resident of West Gardiner, Maine, and I currently sit on the Maine Education Association's Human, Civil Rights, and Social Justice Committee.

I am testifying today in support of LD 2106, which would restrict federal immigration enforcement from entering or receiving records from hospitals, libraries, daycares, and schools without a judicial warrant. These places serve as critical resources for thousands of individuals and families in our state. But many of our neighbors are too afraid to access these spaces because of the recent indiscriminate, violent actions of ICE. By restricting ICE's access to these community places, we can ensure that our students and at-risk community members can access basic necessities without fear.

We've seen online, in the media, and in our own lives that students, teachers, healthcare providers, and caregivers feel unsafe going to work, school, and places of care. These disruptions harm the health and well-being of our entire community. National research confirms that immigration enforcement inflicts measurable harm on children's educational outcomes. A study by Thomas Dee found a 22% increase in total daily student absences in California school districts following intensified immigration enforcement (Dee, 2025). The constitutional baseline remains *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), which guarantees access to K-12 education regardless of immigration status and underscores states' obligations to ensure school access free from intimidation (ILRC, 2017). Without statewide safety standards, Maine risks allowing immigration enforcement to shape educational access through fear and confusion.

In this frigid winter, many of our neighbors experiencing homelessness are also putting themselves at further risk due to fear of ICE. Libraries often serve as daytime warming shelters while also providing access to resources and information that can help unhoused people move out of homelessness. LD 2106 could remove a barrier to potentially life-saving services for individuals

Please support LD 2106, and ensure that Maine's schools, libraries, healthcare centers, and daycares are a safe place for all who need them. I will be sending additional information to Clerk Pinette regarding school safety procedures and former FOAA requests that highlight the necessity for stronger data privacy policies, and hope to be present for all work sessions on this bill.

Best,
Shawn