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Testimony in Support of *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review – LD 2106*

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Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary. My name is Adam Bloom-Paicopolos. I am the Executive Director of the Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services, Maine. The Alliance is the statewide association representing 34 of Maine's community-based behavioral health agencies who provide mental health and substance use services to over 120,000 children, adults, and families annually. The Alliance advocates for the implementation of sound policies and evidence-based practices that serve to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our behavioral health care system.

On behalf of the Alliance, I am here today in support of LD 2106, “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.”

Community behavioral health providers depend on trust to effectively serve individuals and families. People are more likely to seek care and to be open with their providers when they are confident their personal information will be handled with care and that they feel safe accessing services.

Our member organizations are deeply committed to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background or circumstance, can access behavioral health services without fear, hesitation, or uncertainty about their privacy and safety. Particularly at a time when Maine is working to strengthen community-based systems of care and encourage earlier engagement in treatment, policies that reinforce privacy protections can play a meaningful role in supporting access.

We respectfully ask the Committee to ensure that community mental health and substance use disorder i.e., behavioral health) facilities and agencies are included in this bill's definition of health care facilities under section: ***§1730-B. Limitation on immigration enforcement in health care facilities.***

This bill is an important step towards maintaining trust in the community by ensuring individuals feel safe accessing healthcare and social services and we appreciate Representative Sato's leadership in bringing this legislation forward. We respectfully urge the Committee to support LD 2106. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions from the Committee.

Respectfully,

Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, MPP
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