

## **Testimony for LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review**

Greetings to the Members of the Committee on Judiciary. My name is Dr. Jasmine Landry, and I am a pediatrician and internal medicine physician working and living in Portland, Maine. I am testifying today in support of LD 2106.

In the past few weeks, I have witnessed the harrowing direct impact of ICE's presence in my community and at my place of work. Patients are afraid to come see the doctor because they are afraid ICE will catch them at the clinic. Our proportion of missed appointments is higher than I've ever seen it. Patients no longer feel that hospitals and clinics are safe spaces for them to seek care, which is leading to delayed care or no care at all. For young children or patients with comorbidities, delayed care may mean the difference between oral antibiotics at home versus a prolonged, expensive hospital stay with IV antibiotics. I worry that for some patients, delayed care will mean the difference between life and death. Even for patients who are not sick, missing routine well visits may mean delay in important preventive care, or delay in diagnosis of developmental problems that require early intervention.

LD 2106 ensures that ICE cannot enter Maine's healthcare facilities without a valid judicial warrant. This protects both people who are accessing services as well as the people who work there. Additionally, LD 2106 provides guidance that these places are prohibited from voluntarily providing immigration information, which would be in alignment with existing laws and regulations that protect the identity and private information of patients in a healthcare setting.

The ongoing ICE actions in our community are directly harming patients and families and creating dangerous barriers to healthcare. I became a physician in order to care for patients. Without LD 2106, I am unable to provide the help I am trained to give. All of Maine's children and families deserve access to healthcare without fear.

I ask you to help me care for and protect my patients and community by voting for LD 2106. Thank you for your consideration and work on this issue, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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