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LD 2106

My name is Sarah, and I'm a Mainer living in Belfast. I'm writing in support of LD 2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review."

I'm deeply concerned about the real harm ICE enforcement activity is causing in Maine, especially when people who are here legally begin to avoid normal, essential parts of life because they're afraid. When families worry that a school, a clinic, a child care provider, or a library could become an immigration enforcement touchpoint, they delay medical care, pull back from education, and disengage from community institutions. That kind of fear doesn't just affect individuals; it undermines public health, school stability, and community trust.

LD 2106 takes a practical, measured step: it limits "voluntary consent" to allow immigration enforcement into nonpublic areas and to access student, patient, child care, and library records, while still allowing compliance with a valid judicial warrant or exigent circumstances. This is the right balance—protecting safety and access to essential services while preserving legitimate legal processes.

I also appreciate that LD 2106 directs the Attorney General to publish model policies and guidance so frontline staff aren't forced to guess what to do in stressful situations. Clear guidance helps protect workers, reduces confusion, and keeps schools, health care settings, child care, and libraries focused on their core mission.

Please support LD 2106 and help ensure Maine's schools, clinics, child care settings, and libraries remain safe and accessible for everyone in our state.