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LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without
Proper Judicial Review
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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary: I am Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford, and I have the honor of serving the people of 14 communities in Western Maine in the State Senate. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in favor of LD 2107, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Since 2011, it was longstanding federal policy that sensitive locations—such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship—are generally off-limits to immigration enforcement activities. That policy recognized a basic truth: public safety and public health depend on trust.

When that policy was revoked in 2025, the consequences were immediate and deeply concerning. Families across Maine—regardless of immigration status—are now afraid to take their children to school, to seek medical care, or to use essential public services. That fear does not make our communities safer. It does the opposite.

LD 2107 is a measured, reasonable response. It restores common-sense protections by requiring immigration enforcement officers to obtain a judge-signed warrant before taking enforcement actions at schools, hospitals, daycares, and libraries. It protects sensitive personal information collected at these locations, and it provides clear guidance to educators, healthcare providers, and other professionals so they are not forced into impossible legal and ethical situations.

This bill is not about immigration policy writ large. It is about ensuring that children can learn, families can access healthcare, and communities can function without fear. It is about safeguarding public health and safety for everyone who calls Maine home.

For those reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2107.