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Representative Amy Kuhn

Members of the Committee on Judiciary

State House Station Augusta Maine room 438

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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, & honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

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There was surely testimony on examples of rights/expectations for privacy that were trampled. We have laws that I thought protected us but I urge you to support LD 2106 to assure proper Judicial oversight to maintain confidentiality, privacy, & trust is essential and everyone must adhere to our nation's & state's laws as a foundation of democracy.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration of my request & position of this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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