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LD 2106

To Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:
My name is Perrin Chick. I am writing to testify in strong support of LD 2106, “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.”

This legislation addresses a real and urgent concern in Maine: ensuring that some of our most important community-based institutions – the institutions that are the threads that weave communities together – remain safe, accessible, and trusted spaces for ALL residents.

LD 2106 does not interfere with lawful immigration enforcement as has been asserted. Instead, it draws a clear and reasonable line by requiring proper judicial review—through a valid warrant or exigent circumstances—before schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, or daycare facilities are entered or confidential records are accessed. The principle of due process is the bedrock of our Constitution

The bill provides much-needed clarity for frontline workers who should not be placed in the impossible position of making on-the-spot legal judgments about whether to grant access to sensitive spaces or records.

Probably more important in my opinion, this legislation supports the public. When families fear that visiting a school, hospital, childcare facility, or library could expose them or their children to immigration enforcement without judicial oversight, they may avoid these important services altogether. As we know, fear undermines community well-being, public safety, and trust in our institutions. Fear also places an undue burden on other community-based organizations that step up when community members still need these services.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106. This bill strengthens constitutional protections, supports workers, and helps ensure that Maine’s schools, healthcare facilities, childcare providers, and libraries remain safe and accessible for everyone who depends on them.

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