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Testimony Neither For Nor Against

L.D. 2176, An Act to Create a Right to Judicial Review Under the Maine Civil Rights Act for Persons Erroneously Detained

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Greg Payne and I serve as the Senior Advisor on Housing Policy in the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. On behalf of the Administration, please accept this testimony neither for nor against the recently amended version of **L.D. 2176, An Act to Create a Right to Judicial Review Under the Maine Civil Rights Act for Persons Erroneously Detained.**

We are aware of concerns that a small number of Maine landlords may have voluntarily and with ill intent provided tenant information to federal immigration authorities during their recent enforcement surge in our state. While the Administration cannot verify such accounts, we agree with the proponents of this proposal that tenant information should not be shared by landlords for the purpose of harassing, intimidating or causing tenants to vacate their home.

However, we are concerned that the language of this amendment is overly broad and carries with it the potential to capture innocent conduct unrelated to the issues and alleged actions which led to this proposal. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the bill's sponsor, the Committee and other interested stakeholders in tightening this language to more directly address the problem that we understand underlies proponents' concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.