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To: Cmte JUD
Subject: Testifying for LD 2106

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Dear Clerk Susan Pinette,
Would you please enter this testimony for LD-2106 which is scheduled for public hearing on January 29 at 1:00pm.
Thank you very much,
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TO: The Honorable Anne Carney and the Honorable Amy Kuhn and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

DATE: January 22, 2026

RE: LD-2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records without Proper Judicial Review"

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am Mary Castner, a resident from Arundel, and I am writing to testify in support of the bill LD-2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records without Proper Judicial Review" which is scheduled for your committee hearing on January 29 at 1:00 pm.

We are living in an unprecedented time of confusion and fear and I especially am concerned for people working at our schools, hospitals, and child and elder care facilities. Bill LD-2106 protects these critical employees by providing much needed guidelines and direction in case of on-site federal immigration enforcement.

I have two friends who are nurses in Biddeford. They both tell me that they are afraid for their safety at work as well as the safety of their patients. They live in fear that immigration agents will over-run their halls, and no one will know what to do or how to protect people. They say this has ruined the morale at their facilities and has threatened the quality of care they give their patients. It is beyond disturbing to me that good people here in Maine are afraid to go to work, to go the hospital, to go to school or to extended-care facilities.

Passage of Bill LD-2106 will remove some of the fear and confusion for these employees who are certainly not trained to handle such events. I think we can all agree that these workers protect our most vulnerable people – the sick, the children, and the elderly. It is only right and fair that the State of Maine provide them with direction and protection.

I ask that you do everything in your power to ensure that everyone in our state is given the rights, protections, and opportunities they deserve. Please support LD-2160.

Thank you,

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