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Testimony on LD 2106, for Hearing on January 29, 2026

Dear Senator Brenner & Joint Judiciary Committee,

I am a resident of Scarborough Maine and a constituent of Senator Brenner.

Like many other Americans I am saddened and outraged by the actions of ICE and CBP in Minnesota and in our own state of Maine. They, CBP and ICE, are, in apparently many cases, “..engaging in domestic terrorism.”

I STRONGLY endorse LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review. It provides “protected areas” where ICE activity is limited, and access requires a valid judicial warrant, to include the following areas: public schools, public post-secondary schools, health care facilities, childcare facilities, and public libraries.

These “protected areas” were public Federal policy until the Trump administration cancelled then in January 2025. I urge the Joint Judiciary Committee to endorse restoring these “protected areas” under Maine law, now that they are no longer protected under Federal law.

But further, I ask that this LD 2106 be amended and expanded to include other sites that the prior Federal policy also included:

1. Places of Worship: Churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples.
2. Social Service Sites: Food banks, disaster relief centers, and community centers where children or families gather.

The objective of LD 2106 is to provide “protected areas” where our immigrant neighbors can go and gather without fear that the Federal immigration agents can easily find and detain them, often violently, often inappropriately, often involving children. I urge you in the strongest terms to support the basic idea of protecting our immigrant neighbors who now are fearful to leave their homes and being inappropriately detained, and to expand that protection to the other areas cited above.

Respectfully,

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