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

Dear Senator Carney & Joint Judiciary Committee,

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

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, child care facilities, and public libraries.

These "protected areas" were public Federal policy until the Trump administration cancelled them 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.
3. Retirement Homes where many immigrants are working
4. All workplaces where immigrants may be working.

The objective of LD 2106 is to provide "protected areas" where our immigrant neighbors can work 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.

Immigrants are not going to work for fear of being arrested. The mayor of Portland, Mark Dion, believes that rents will not be paid because immigrants are afraid to go to work and this will lead to

mass evictions due to lack of payment of rent. This will adversely impact Portland's economy and local businesses. I am a former state legislator from central Maine and the 123 and 124 legislature.

Thank you for our service to the legislature.

Patricia Jones, Scarborough