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Senator Anne Carney
Representative Amy Kuhn
Members of the Judiciary Committee
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony Regarding LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review (Emergency)

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

My name is Stacy Whitcomb-Smith and I am the current president of The Maine Psychological Association (MePA). MePA is a non-profit association which represents the 600+ psychologists and psychological examiners in Maine. Our mission is to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. Our membership consists of practicing psychologists, academicians, students, retirees, associates, and affiliates.

We are writing to urge support for LD2106 which prohibits disclosure of nonpublic records without judicial review. Psychologists and other mental health providers are prohibited from disclosing personal information without clear authorization from the individual or their legal guardian. To do so is not only a violation of our ethical principles, but would erode trust that is critical to a therapeutic relationship and would dissuade individuals from seeking needed services. This bill reinforces the importance of protecting the confidentiality of private information and this should be reinforced through the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Stacy Whitcomb-Smith, PhD
President