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Testimony in Support of LD 2106, *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*

Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Susan Kiralis and I am a resident of Vassalboro. I am here today in strong support of LD 2106. I represent all my fellow Black and Indigenous families, who are being racial profiled and harassed by ICE. I speak for these community members who are in fear for their freedom and are silent to share their stories.

LD 2106 is a necessary emergency measure to ensure that nonpublic records are not disclosed without proper judicial review, and that private spaces such as hospitals, schools, and childcare centers remain places of care and learning.

This has been one of the most stressful weeks for me, while I organize to collect basic necessities to help a few of my community members. I myself am scared for my safety and carry my passport with me while delivering donations to families. These families are afraid to send their children to school and childcare, schedule doctors appointments, attend food pantries, and simply take a healthy walk, because of the threat of immigration enforcement entering private spaces. The harm extends far beyond immigration status, it's a public health issue, and impacts child welfare, educational access, and trust in our institutions. **This is human harm.**

Allow me to share with all of you a few words from vulnerable community Members I personally interacted with this week.

"This is war on us." - Fariya

"I'm so scared, everyone looks like my killer." - Nickiesha

"I don't care if my children get an education right now, keeping them here close to me is the education." - Irene

"I feel betrayed by the US government, they brought us here." Shuri

"Maine is my home, why do they want to deport us to another country?" - Zeena

"I am a 4th generation Black American. And I'm still undocumented." -Tiffany

"My coworker thinks it's funny that ICE is here and threatening to call on me." - Ali

"A law should pass that allows them to not touch us." - Sofia

These are conversations that gave me the courage to come and speak in front of you today.

Maine's strength lies in protecting both humans and the constitutional process. Supporting LD 2106 affirms that Maine will not allow overreach to erode privacy rights or turn essential community spaces into enforcement zones, murder scenes and trauma grounds. I urge the Judiciary Committee to vote "Out to Pass" on LD 2106 and stand on the side of immigrant people.

Thank you,

Susan