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Testimony in support of LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

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

My name is Eli Durand-McDonnell, I am from Bar Harbor, and I work as the Policy Director at Maine Youth Power, a youth-led youth movement working throughout rural and suburban Maine to win human dignity, equity and a liveable future for all. Today, I am testifying on behalf of my organization in support of LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

At Maine Youth Power, we fight for a Maine where young people are supported, where they can grow, and where they have the opportunity to stay and build a life. Right now, for so many young Mainers in the state, this is not the reality. As I'm sure you're all aware, the recent and violent surge of federal immigration officers has completely upended the daily lives of so many. Amongst the results of this federal presence has been massive decreases in school attendance by students who fear getting torn from their families while just attending school.

In response, LD2106 would help protect young people as they attend school, get the healthcare they need, or perhaps attend after school programs and find community at public libraries. While this legislation would help meet the needs of the current moment, it is also critical to think ahead. If we put this into place now, we will have even more tools to protect young Mainers in the future when federal immigration enforcement and violence spikes again. Young people in this state deserve the opportunity to learn and grow without fear.

Once again, I urge you to support LD2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Sincerely,
Eli Durand-McDonnell