

January 29, 2026

To: The Honorable Anne Carney
The Honorable Amy D. Kuhn, CoChairs,
Members of the Maine Legislature Joint Judiciary Committee.

Re: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Co Chairs, and Members of the Maine Legislature Judiciary Committee,

My name is Sarah Stadler, and I am a resident of Bath, Maine. I am here today testifying in support of LD 2106. There had been a longstanding federal policy of not conducting ICE enforcement at schools and hospitals. This was struck down early in the current administration's term.

As a physician I can testify that it is bad for public health for people to avoid getting appropriate health care because of fear of detention or deportation. We know from experience that failure to get treatment results in the spread of communicable disease and that this has an exponential impact on the health of a community.

As a psychiatrist, I can testify that it is bad for mental health to have the threat of intrusion by threatening unidentified and often masked individuals at schools and childcare establishments. The trauma that this imposes is not only on the immigrant community but on the whole community of families with school age children.

As a citizen, I know that we are undermining our futures by policies which cause people to choose to keep their children from attending school due to fear of detention or deportation.

While I understand that the state cannot prohibit all immigration enforcement at places like schools, hospitals, and daycares, the state can put in place measures to ensure we are not actively facilitating enforcement at these places. In addition to whatever restraint these measures impose, they are an important communication that you, our representatives, hold the values of public health, mental health, and education, as essential.

For these reasons, I urge you to support LD 2106.

Sarah Stadler