

### **Testimony on LD 2106**

To: Honorable Chairs and Committee Members, Judiciary Committee, Maine Legislator  
Chair Karney, Chair Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing to support the passage of LD 2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review"

This bill primarily restores a policy that the Federal Government rescinded at the beginning of the new administration. The original policy limited immigration enforcement in Schools, Hospitals, Day Care Centers and other critical public areas. We do not want parents afraid to let their kids go to school, or to miss important doctor's appointments for fear of getting picked up by ICE or CBP.

LD 2106 would re-establish the fact that Immigration Authorities could only have access to these important public places in Maine if they have a signed Judicial Warrant. This country was built by immigrants, and with the exception of the Wabanaki, we all are immigrants. As the oldest state in the nation, we need immigrants in our workforce and we need to make them feel welcome and safe.

As a German Jew, my dad suffered the effects of World War 2 – having to escape Germany and come to England. He witnessed the beginning of the Nazi onslaught when migrants and Jews began getting rounded up. As a 12 year old he saw someone clubbed to death on the street in front of his house. The parallels are too close right now with an administration that is focused on terrifying the population of this country, especially our neighbors of color, an administration that is intent on retribution against Blue States.

I have a daughter in college here in Maine. She has brown skin and my wife and I are both worried for her. We are anxious that she could get picked up in a raid on the University or near the campus. We don't want ICE agents to be able to go into her dorm and snatch all the brown skinned kids living there. We don't want them disrupting her classes to do the same.

Please vote in favor of LD 2106 to protect the most vulnerable among us here in Maine, and to send a strong message to Immigration Authorities that they are not above the law and they do not belong in our public institutions.

Thank you,

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