

Testimony for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary in support of LD 2106 An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, I'm Anna Korsen, Deputy Director with Full Plates Full Potential¹, a statewide non-profit working to address childhood food insecurity in Maine by maximizing access to federally funded USDA nutrition programs like school meals and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). We are a founding member of the Hunger Free Maine² coalition, which advocates to advance the priorities of Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger³. I also serve as the co-chair of the Ending Hunger in Maine Advisory Committee.

I am here today testifying in support of LD 2106 because, due to increased inhumane actions by ICE in Maine, childhood hunger is increasing. At Full Plates, we're on a mission to end hunger for every child in Maine. And when we say "every child," we mean *every* child. Hunger doesn't care about zip codes, status, or where your family is from - and neither do we.

Instead, unprecedented immigration action in our state has created an environment of fear, uncertainty and hunger. It's chased thousands of children - regardless of their current legal status - away from our schools, disrupting access to healthy school meals that many rely on. These are often the healthiest, most consistent meals that children - not just those targeted by immigration agents - eat in a given day. Any action that denies students access has only one outcome: increased childhood hunger in Maine. Children are not collateral damage, and childhood hunger is never an acceptable cost.

We already know families, especially immigrant families, have lost trust in the critical Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, due to federal cuts. With the federal cost-shift to Maine enacted by HR1 and unreliable communication coming out of USDA, up to 100,000 families with children are already projected to lose some or all food assistance. It is critical for families' budgets and the Maine budget that people have trust in federal programs, like SNAP, and are regularly engaging with state offices and employment to meet work reporting requirements. The current climate of fear does the opposite.

Children and families are living in fear of leaving their homes, cutting off access to critical nutrition provided by school breakfast and lunch. My son attends Portland Public Schools, where last Friday, over 1,000 students - or 1/3 of the student body - were absent, representing half of the multilingual student

¹ <http://www.fullplates.org>

² <https://www.fullplates.org/hunger-free-maine>

³ <https://www.maine.gov/future/hunger>

population⁴. LD 2106 would require ICE to have a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge to conduct enforcement at schools, hospitals and healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries, as well as protect people's private information that might be held at these places. The bill also provides guidance and support to teachers, healthcare workers, and other employees at these locations, ensuring they are not put in crisis situations and forced to make individual decisions.

Full Plates Full Potential stands with our community. We stand with our neighbors. Our partners. And our kids. And we urge you to support LD 2106 to put protections in place to help kids feel safe going to school, and to protect a child's right to healthy, nutritious food.

Thank you for your time and attention to this crisis. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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